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the upsurge in obscene telephone calls, with advice on how to deal with them

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Judge jails sex man

Judge Brian Gibbens sentenced a friend's daughter, aged seven. crime". The judge, who is 71, claimed he was misreported in transcript of Friday's proceed-

Challenge over

Europe's cash

The EEC's £15.5bn budget, approved by the Parliament last week, will be adopted today as

Pay-cut theory

A reduction of 10 per cent in teenagers' average wages could create an extra 70,000 to 100,000 jobs for young people, a research paper says

Eagle-eyed

Washington is preparing a review of Soviet violations of arms control agreements to be presented to Congress early in the new year

Jobless 'decline'

seems to be rising and may even be falling, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, told the Commons Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee.

Habsburgtheory

Crown Prince Rudolf, believed to have committed suicide with his lover at Mayerling, Austria, in 1889, was murdered according to Habsburg family papers
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Transplant fear

The condition of Mr Lars Ljungberg, aged 32, Britain's first heart-lung transplant patient, was causing "grave concern", doctors at Harefield Hospital, Middlesex, said.

Spy chief quits

Mr John Ryan, Australia's espionage chief, has resigned after a bungled training exercise when agents wearing carnival masks ran amuck in a Mel-

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a man who had intercourse with to two years' imprisonment "to mark the enormity of the his reference last Friday to the offence as "an accident". The Lord Chancellor has asked for a

cancelled rig

British Shipbuilders' Scott Lithgow yard will challenge yester-day's cancellation by a Britoil-led consortium of an £86m oil rig which had fallen 500 days behind schedule. Labour MPs pressed for an emergency debate on the matter Page 25

the Council of Ministers lodges a last-minute protest Page 5

10 Downing Street.



• More police are to be deployed on anti-terrorist duties in central London, in the

• The Prince and Princess of Wales went to two hospitals to visit those of the injured who were well enough to see them

• Harrods opened at 9 am as usual, but there were fewer customers than are normally expected on the Monday before Christmas (Page 2) reserved a space for the car bomb by

 Mr Prior, on US television, exposed the misconception that Americans' cash went to IRA freedom fighters. "It goes to buy arms" Page 2

• Mr Gerry Adams, president of Provisional Sinn Fein, denied a rift between the military and political wings of the

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

cally to bomb threats anywhere in Metropolitan London, and more dog handlers, traffic that proscription is not likely to police and foot patrols, were be introduced. Mr Prior is among the new safety measures convinced that Sinn Fein announced in the Commons yesterday by Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, in the wake of the Harrods bombing would say that the Government of the Harrods bombing would say that the Government of the Harrods bombing would say that the Government of the Harrods bombing would say that the Government of the Harrods bombing would say that the Government of the Harrods bombing would say that the Government of the Harrods bombing would say that the Government of the Harrods bombing would say that the Government of the Harrods bombing would be able to use the Harrods bom on Saturday in which five people were killed and 93 injured.

and Sir Kenneth Newman, the Metropolitan Police Com-missioner, also told MPs that ministers were urgently con-returned to Downing Street sidering whether membership of Provisional Sinn Fein should be made illegal. But he said that there were powerful arguments on either side of that question.

Mr Brittan told an impressively united Commons that Sir Kenneth's measures for the public's greater protection would include 64 more dog handlers, 30 more traffic branch police officers, and 320 more uniformed foot duty officers deployed in the inner districts; an increase of 200 in the number of CID and Special Branch officers in central London; four more special patrol groups, totalling 120 officers, in the inner districts.

Mr Brittan added that particular care had also been taken to ensure that policing against terrorist threats was fully maintained elsewhere in the London area.

The possible proscription of Sinn Fein was one of several questions briefly considered when Mrs Margaret Thatcher. Mr Brittan and Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, met for 40 minutes at

Mrs Thatcher asked for the arguments tro be set out again for the Cabinet, which at its weekly meeting on Thursday is expected to review the whole range of possible political and physical measures to contain

Hucklesby, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squard,

said he was now considering the theory that two cars could have

known to have been used by

Mr Hucklesby said the first car would have been driven into

Hans Crescent some time on

Saturday morning and parked at a meter. Just after midday the Austin 1300 GT arrived and

took its place. The driver of the Austin may have set the timing device on the bomb and been

driven away in the other car.

Police now know, from one of the policemen in a police car

which pulled up behind the

Austin before it exploded, that

the 1300 was parked in the wrong direction, facing towards

Brompton Road. The crescent

is one-way.

The Yard hopes members of

IRA bombers in the past.

republican movement Page 2 Police vehicles patrolling 24 the threat of Irish Republican detention of suspected terror-hours a day to respond specifi- violence. detention of suspected terror-ists, saying that there had been more murders when there was detention, and against introduc-ing identity cards. The first had been suggested by Mr Julian Amery, from the Conservative

that everything possible was being done to bring the criminals to justice. And he

spoke of the nauseating hypocrisy of the IRA statement in Dublin on Sunday which professed regret for the civilian

Labour spokesman, decided

that the clearest demonstration

of support for the efforts of the

police and the Home Secretary

Mr Kaufman was as scornful

as Mr Brittan of the IRA, "evil

men who, characteristically and

contemptibly, seek to creep away from the consequences of

their inhumanity". MPs and the

people they represented were

united in their determination to

stand against them, and would

make no concession to the

Like Mr Brittan, Mr Kauf-

man appeared to speak for everyone in the Chamber.

Few political points were made. Mr John Hume, leader of

the Social Democratic and Labour Party, lamented "the

failure of Britain and Ireland to

sort out their relationship". That failure, he said, had been

pushed into a corner called Northern Ireland from which a

political cancer was spreading

Hume was right to draw attention to the wider dimen-

sion, but it was right to make clear that what happened on

Saturday would do nothing

investigation, Scotland Yard is

also being stretched by hoaxes. Parts of central London were

again halted by false alarms

the Yard began drawing up plans for the extra patrols

announced by the Home Sec-

eight-hour shifts have been

extended to provide more manpower, and leave is likely to

motorists to consider not

week and using public transport instead, so that the risk of

suspected vehicles can be

making the police presence on

The Yard has also asked

At the weekend senior staff at

yesterday.

be cancelled.

still trying to discover what retary yesterday. The normal

Mr Brittan said that Mr

bullet and the bomb.

was to ask no questions.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, the

casualties.

benches; the second by Mr Russell Johnston, the Liberal spokesman. Mr Brittan in his statement ment, having challenged it to to the Commons said that public vigilance was essential to The Prime Minister's husband. give full effect to the increased security measures. He promised

Mr Brittan, who earlier Mr Denis Thatcher, went consulted the Prime Minister christmas shopping at Harrods carrying two of the store's distinctive green bags packed

seek endorsement at the polls, was afraid of its success. At the same time, its members would reappear under different lables.

strong support in the House yesterday from Mr Merlyn Rees, who has been in charge of both the Northern Ireland Office and the Home Office. Mr Rees's advice was that

there should be not panic. He legalized Sinn Fein (in 1974) because there had to be left "a chink for political action". He advised also against



Two cars theory in hunt

for Harrods killers

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

The Provisional IRA unit also possible that details of leading to the capture of the which killed five people at parked cars could have been bombers. Others who had made Harrods may have reserved a kept by traffic wardens or police offers should consider putting

space for their car bomb by since the area is always subject their money into appeal funds

month ago in London.

Mr Hucklesby said the second dealer sold the car from

happened to it between then

As statements come in from

Harrods staff, the staff of other

shops in Hans Crescent and the hundreds of people shopping

there on Saturday, the Yard has brought in a large desk-top computer to keep pace with the detail from witnesses. Since

Saturday a staff of more than

two dozen has been working round the clock to keep pace

with the flow of information

manually and the computer will

allow for their release elsewhere.

Assistant Commissioner Gilbert Kelland, head of Lon-don CID, said that the Yard had

accepted the offer of a £250,000

and last Saturday.

explosion.
Yesterday, hundreds of policeman, backed by a £250,000 reward offer, continued the search for the bombers, Commander William Hucklesby, head of Scotland Hucklesby, head of Scotland the search for the bombers, Commander William KFP 252K, was sold by one dealer to another just over a

been used. A similar system is his showroom and police are

the public in the crescent may have seen the exchange. It is businessman for information

Youngest victim: The Princess of Wales at St Thomas's Hospital yesterday, chatting to Rajan Parmar, aged five, whose I apologize on behalf of London,

Royal couple visit youngest victim as Brittan steps up seemity

says prince By Alan Hamilton

The Prince and Princess of Wales yesterday went to two Loudon hospitals to visit victims of Saturday's Knightsbridge bomb attack. Prince Charles told one American casualty: "I apologize on behalf of London. It was terrible." Fifteen members of the

ublic and five police officers vere still being cared for in four London hospitals yesterday. Two of the policeme critical condition.
Inspector Stephen Dodd was

said to be "critical but stable" on a life support machine at the Central Middlesex Hospital. PC John Gordon, a dog Hospital and a special kidney unit has been brought in from RAF Halton to help stem a deteriorating kidney complaint.

PC Gordon lost his right leg in the blast as he approached the car bomb with his sniffer dog, Queenie. His wife, who is seven months pregnant, said yesterday that the incident had been "an absolute nightmare".

The condition of Sergeant Andrew Melham, in the intensive care unit of St Thomas's Hospital, was reported to "stable". Sergeant Christopher Stanger and PC Martyn Holgate, the other two officers still detained, were both described as "very comfortable".

At Westminster Hospital the royal couple met Mr Mark McDonald, an American geologist who was one of the most seriously injured civilians. Mr parking another vehicle in the to strict parking controls.

being set up for the injured and row of parking bays alongside

Yesterday Mr Hucklesby relatives of the dead.

the store hours before the disclosed that the police have

With nearly a tenth of McDonald, now out of intensive care, was joined by his parents from Michigan. His mother, disclosed that the police have gone some way in tracing the Austin, which was originally Mrs Audrey McDonald, said: "It is tremendous to get this royal support. The princess obviously felt great sympathy for all those who were injured."

The prince and princess had a brief private meeting with PC Gordon before meeting other civilians, including Mr Robert Brown, a stockbroker who suffered a broken arm and severe shrapnel wounds.

At St Thomas's. Hospital Sergeant Melham was too ill to see the royal couple, but they met PC Holgate, recovering from his third bomb incident. He was 200 yards away from the bomb which cut down the Household Cavalry last year and was among the officerts who found last week's unexploded bomb near Kensington High Street.

In past years the Yard has responded to IRA campaigns by • Some bomb victims would be "totally maimed for life", a the streets of central London consultant orthopaedic surgeon very visible. Yesterday there were already signs of an increasing number of foot at the Wesminster Hospital, Mr Paul Aichroth, said yesterday. Even with artificial limbs, their lives would never be the patrols, with officers in twos and thees among shoppers and office staff in the West End and

Arafat prepares for dawn evacuation

leg was injured in the Harrods bomb attack.

From Robert Fisk, Tripoli, northern Lebanon

Mr Vassir Arafat's 4,000 not only from Israel and France guerrillas under siege in the but from America and Syria as northern Lebanese city of well. was with the Greek Tripoli prepared for a dawn evacuation today. The five Greek ships which are to take Ambassador in the harbour" Mr Arafat said. "We noted (sic)

them to Tunisia, Algeria and by ourselves when they shelled North Yemen left Cyprus for the harbour with great bombs. I Lebanon last night with an escort of five French warships, asked our friends (the Greeks) including the aircraft carrier, Clemenceau

Baghdad (Reuter) - Mr Douald Rumsfeld, US Middle East Envoy, arrived unexpec-tedly in Baghdad yesterday, for the first visit to Iraq by a senior U.S. official for 16 years. Mr Rumsfeld was met at Baghdad airport by the head of the protocol of the Foreign Ministry. Despite the lachrymose predictions of Mr Arafat that the Israel Navy would block his men's evacuation, Israeli gunboats which have been shelling Tripoli withdrew southwards down the coast in mid-afternoon, to permit the 10 vessels Ministry.

He flew in from Riyadh, where he had talks with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and to enter the harbour.

Yesterday evening the greypainted hulk of the Cypriot merchant coaster My Charm still lay smouldering alongside Tripoli's No 2 quay yesterday. her bridge and superstructure congealed on to the burnt decks where an Israeli shell had Mr Arafat also insisted that smashed into her.

On the other side of the wharf an already-damaged vessel had sunk miserably on to the sea-bed during the early morning shelling, her masts awash just north of the harbour.

Earlier, Mr Arafat had learnt that the latest Israeli naval bombardment of Tripoli - the sixth in 10 days - had prompted the Greek Government to seek further guarantees for the safety of their five evacuation shins.

Foreign Minister. to delay the arrival for some

his guerrillas would be handing

over their heavy weapons

anti-aircraft guns, recoilless rifles and Katyusha rocket batteries – to the Lebonese internal security force, the paramilitary Gendarmerie which now has more than 500 men in position around the port in readiness for the evacuation. He denied that he had ever thought of taking these weapons

with him. Continued on back page, col 2

Nakasone will have narrow majority

By Our Foreign Staff

Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister. looked certain last night to have a narrow working majority after the sharp rebuff to his Liberal Democratic Party in Sunday's general election. The turnout was the lowest since the Second

It was clear that Mr Nakasone would take enough inde-pendents into his party to assure LDP control of the premiership. At least nine of the 6 Independents elected on Sunday are conservative politicians sympathetic to, or with past affiliations with, the ruling

His party won 250 seats in the 511-member Lower House, six less than a majority and 36 fewer than before the election. The biggest Opposition party, the Japanm Socialists, took 112 seats, compared with 101 at dissolution.

But the most sarrking progress was made by the Komeito (Clean Party), with 58 sears against a previous total of 34.

Mr Kakuei Tanaka, the

former premier whose refusal to resign his seat after being convicted in the Lockheed bribery scandal caused the election was returned by a landslide in his rural constituency.

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Princess Caroline to marry

From Diana Geddes Paris

Stefano Casiraghi, 23-year-old son of an Italian businessman, Prince Ranier announced yesterday. The civil wedding, which will be a "strictly family affair", will take place in the royal palace in Monte Carlo on December 29.

The couple, who have known one another for three years, but only closely for the past six months, had both wanted a church wedding. But Princess Caroline failed to obtain the necessary papal annulment of her previous marriage to M Philippe Junot, the international playboy, which ended

in divorce three years ago.

Signor Casiraghi is the youngest of four children of what is reputed to be one of the richest families in Italy, based in an early twentieth century 50-room palazzo in Fino Mor-nasco on the shore of Lake

The Casiraghis also have a house at St Jean Cap Ferrat.

Princess Caroline of Monaco,

Marks & Spencer breaks with family tradition

By Derek Harris Commerical Editor

Lord Sieff of Brimpton is stepping down as chairman of Marks & Spencer in July, making way for Lord Rayner, the man Mrs Thatcher called in to improve efficiency in

This means that for only the second time in the chain's 100year history, the top man will not be a member of one of the founding families.
But Lord Sieff will remain as

a director of the company and has accepted the post of

Lord Sieff is the grandson of

Mr Thomas Spencer, founded the business in Leeds in 1884. Born Marcus Sieff, the son of the late Lord Sieff (formerly Israel Sieff), he was educated at Manchester Grammer School, St Paul's and Corpus Children Combined to the Combined Combine Christi, Cambridge.

He joined the family business 48 years ago and was appointed to the board in 1955. He became chairman 11 years when the annual turnover was £417m. It is new £2,500m. Services to exports earned him his knighthood in 1971 and he became a life peer in

1980. In 1976 he was Hambro's



Lord Sieff (left) and his successor, Lord Raynor. businessman of the year, and was presented with the International Retailer of the Year Award in New York earlier this

Now 70, he is in good health and shows no signe of reducing the pace that has made Marks & Spencer the most successful retailer in Britain.

Yesterday he was at his desk early, took a board meeting, went to a business lunch and, according to fellow directors, planned to go on his regular round of some of the stores. He has described his

methods like this: "It is not state visits. It is listen and learn at store level. It is the sales staff and supervisors who know what is going on."

Mr John Salisse, a fellow

yesterday: "He has terrific drive and leadership. The growth of the company has been phenomenal undr his leadership. He played a major role in getting the company into

Europe and Canada."

The Sieff view has been that while Marks & Spencer may bave grown into a formidable the point of view of the archetypia family shop, caring for staff and customers alike and taking price in what it sells.

One of the keys to its succe is its willingness to experientin Continued on back page, col 5



people "to price them selves

teenagers since 1979. Their

relative earnings have fallen

stightly since the mid-1970s, the

study says. But employment prospects have suffered dispro-

portionately from the impact of

overall employment the num-ber of jobs available for young

people drops by about 1.2 per cent, the department estimates and by more if special measures

to relieve youth unemployment are discounted.

Officials said yesterday that earlier studies had failed to

uncover the connexion between

pay and jobs because they concentrated on the 1950s and

1960s when demand for labour was high and the relative wages of young people were low,

of young people were low, although gradually rising. But from 1959 there was a sharp

Between 1969 and 1977 boys'

earnings as a proportion of men's jumped from 47 to 55 per

cent while for girls the pro-

portion rose from below 28 to 37 per cent. Unemployment

break in the pattern.

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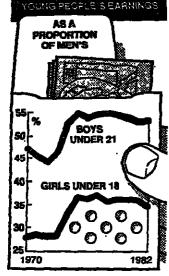
Cuts in young people's wages for young people, support relative to adults' would sub-ministers' claims that lowr stantially improve their job wages would enable young opportunities, according to an official research paper from the Employment Department, pub-

lished yesterday.
It suggests that for every 1 per cent cut in the relative wages of young people employment would rise by 2 per cent for boys and 1.5 to 2 per cent for gilrs. A pay reduction of 10 per cent - equivalent to about £6 a week on present average earnings of about £60 for workers under 18 could thus create between 70,000 and 100,000 extra jobs.

Only one int five of these additional jobs would be new, however. The remainder peop-ic, would directly replace adult

workers.

The study's findings, which contrast with the failure of earlier research to discover any firm link between pay and jobs



about average to more than three times the average. Since 1977 the relative jobless rate has fallen to about twice the average The relative pay and employment of young people (William Wells, Department of Employment Research Paper No 42).

£250m snag to sale of ordnance plants

£250m within the next year.

A Bill in the Commons

yesterday will bring the 11 government-owned factories into a new organization under the Companies Act. thus paying the way for their privatization. The policy is being resisted

by the unions, and the trades unions yesterday announced almost as much as will be plans to hold a one-day strike in later on by privatization. If the Bill is approved by

servants, and among the pro- the factories.

The Government yesterday visions which would have to be announced plans to reorganize made would be the transfer of the Royal Ordnance Factories, funds to cover their accumu-for which it may have to find lated pension rights. These could amount to £250m.

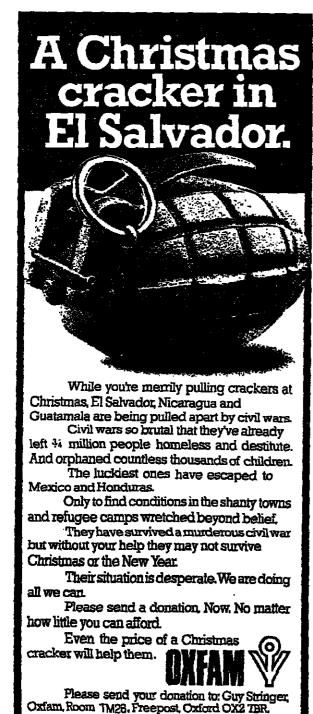
> That would have to be especially found by the Govern-ment because Civil Service pensions are paid for from current funds, and there is no single pension fund from which the money could be transferred. That sum could turn out to be almost as much as will be raised

Mr Michael Heseltine, the the factories will be brought said that the introduction of under their new status from private capital could not begin October 1 next year. Employees before 1985. The Government would then cease to be civil may decide to retain a stake in

Bridge road 17 years old

Mr Roy Hughes, MP for be tackled one day."

The Severn bridge still retains Newport East, said that road its original 1966 road surface, engineers had told him that and this is because of the resurfacing the bridge would be immense difficulties of repair, a one of the hardest jobs they Labour MP said in the Com- could be given. But he added the warning: "This will have to



Police life goes on at Chelsea station

By Alan Hamilton

On the roof of Chelsen police station, as on police stations all over London, the Union Jack flew at half must yesterday in memory of the two officers killed by the Knightsbridge

Rarely, if ever, have the perils of the job struck so hard at a single station with two dead and thirteen injured, three of them critically. But they do not support the view that excessive wages are to blame for the steep rise in

As Monday morning's shift reported for work they found many officers who had been on daty almost continuously since Saturday afternoon. A sense of numbed shock still prevailed "You feel a sense of loss

when any officer is killed, but when it is your own station it is the loss of friends", Chief Insp

the loss of mends", Chief Insp Peter Francis, who had been on duty for 36 of the past 48 hours, said.

"This is a hig station with 200 officers, but we have a small manor, which makes us all very close. Men have been appearing from their days off and their holidays, it is almost impossible to get them to go

"One of the advantages of a major incident like this is that around and dwell on it. But our civilian staff in particular are quite distraught at the

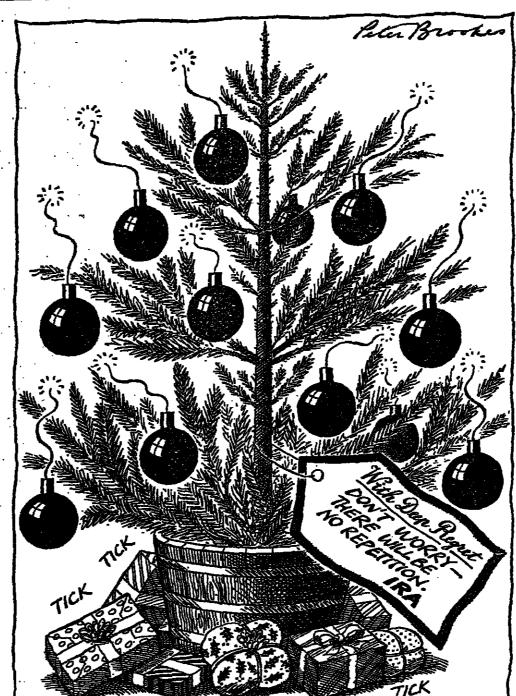
But the overiding feeling is one of determination. "We are carrying on as best we can". said one senior officer. "We cannot let the IRA succeed." Superintendent Michael Hames, the station's deputy chief officer, shouldered the

rates among young people relative to adults soared from grim task on Saturday of visiting the families of the dead to break the news to them. The three critically injured officers are allowed only their families by their bedsides, but the station is constantly in touch with the hespitals on their

station has been immdated with telephone and personal calls from the public offering sym-pathy and cash donations for the bereaved families.

Among yesterday's callers was Mr Aleck Craddock, managing director of Harrods.

Of the two who Sergeant Noel Lane, aged 28, had moved from Streatham to Chelsea only two months ago on his promotion. WPC Jane Arbuthnot, aged 22, had been and-a-half-year career in the



Harrods back in business

Harrods opened on the stroke of nine yesterday morning but despite a brave face from the staff it was not quite business as

The store was not deserted, but for a Monday morning before Christmas it was very, very quiet. Customers who came did so almost out of They included the Prime

Minister's husband, Mr Denis Thatcher, who said: "No damned Irish murderer is going to stop me going there". He returned to Downing Street carrying two of the store's distinctive green bags packed with presents Mr Kenneth Hawksfield from

Sussex, who has had an account

at Harrods for more than 30 years, said he had no second thoughts about coming so soon after Saturday's bomb. "I do not think lightning strikes twice in the same place, but anyway I am not going to have my shopping upset like that", he

vas closed but goods from those departments were available elsewhere. In the furniture department on the third floor there was a hum of vacuum cleaners and the occasional gritty click as a shard of glass was sucked up.

Outside glaziers were tapping at window frames and workmen were shovelling broken glass

Mr Aleck Craddock, Harrods' managing director, said the bomb had cost the store more than £1m in damage and more in lost custom. But he added: "I art sure that customers will continue to come to Harrods. British people are like that." The store will be as normal as we can make it. We are going to make Harrods as Christmassy

Oxford Street, which was sealed off after a bomb scare on Saturday, was also relatively quiet. Police were patrolling in pairs every 20 yards. Security guards at some stores were searching handbags. Managers would not comment on the prospects for trade, but staff admitted they had never seen it so quiet.

Reaction to bombing

Prior asks US to cut IRA cash

By Kenneth Gosling

yesterday that Americans could ism internationally by giving no further help to Noraid, the IRA's fund-gathering organization, or other groups.

Speaking on the national breakfast television programme Good Morning America, Mr Prior said that one American had been killed and two others were injured in Saturday's car bomb explosion at Harrods in "The fact is", he said, "there

is a misconception among a number of people in the United States that they are supporting freedom fighters. They are doing nothing of the sort". Mr Prior said money was

being given in some cases on the basis that it was for widows and orphans.

That is not what happens. It goes to buy arms to create the sort of attacks that have taken place in recent days."

Mr James Prior, Secretary of Just before the broadcast State for Northern Ireland, said began, the US interviewer began, the US interviewer Barbara Walters, had asked Mr help enormously to fight terror- Prior if there was a particular question he wanted to answer. He specified Americans' ani-

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tude towards Noraid. Mr Prior had a sharp reply to the IRA's apology over Saturday's attack. "That's what they always say when they carry out these attacks and they think it has been to their political advantage, they take the credit but when something goes wrong and the reaction is one of shock and utter detestation, the IRA tries to dissociate itself from

what happens."

Mr Martin Galvin, Noraid's spokesman, said in New York last night about the Harrods blast "I regret the loss of life, but many Irish people have been killed by British occupation forces. I recognize the moral superiority of the IRA over the British Government (Christopher Thomas writes from New York).

Adams denies rift in republican ranks

of the movement.

He expressed regret for the

said the organization never adding that the bomb was an example of an IRA operation

that had "not gone right" The admission by the Republican movement that the Harrods bombing had not been authorized by the "army council" is evidence that they have been embarrassed by the attack. In both Dublin and Belfast,

Mr Gerry Adams, president officials were expressing caution of Sinn Fein, political wing of the Provisional IRA, yesterday denied there was a rift between the political and military wings christmas bonus."

• In spite of Sinn Fein's recent electoral successes, the: Harrods bombing but refused IRA will continue to attack to condern it.

British soldiers during the to condemn it.

But the MP for West Belfast coming year, according to a senior member of the organizacondoned civilian casualties, tion whose secret strategy speech was broadcast on Granada Television's World in Action programme last night (David

The IRA speaker told last month's annual conference of Sinn Fein delegates in Dublin: "Our military successes and our ... political progress are of equal ...

Bomb-hoax caller jailed

John Michael Daly, aged 23. an interior decorator, of Uxen-don Hill, Wembley, north London, was jailed for three months by Harrow magistrates yesterday after pleading guilty to making a bomb hoax call to Scotland Yard on Sunday night. Also at Harrow, Gary Alan Coomber, aged 26, a London Transport cleaner, of Binyon Crescent, Stanmore, was re-manded in custody until Friday

charged with making a hoax call to British Telecom on Saturday. In Bristol, Michael Freye,

aged 19, a civil servant, and Andrew Hurley, aged 20, a barman, were remanded on bail

until January 11 after admitting making a false call to a Bristol nightclub. • Strathclyde police are hold-

ing nine men under the provisions of the Prevention of Terrorism Act after raids in Glasgow over the past two days.

Geoffrey Edwards, aged 25, a full-time private in the Ulster Defence Regiment, was charged in Belfast yesterday with the murder of Mr Peter Corrigan

Compromise agreed on electricity cost

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of Jones undertook to discuss it

State for Energy, confirmed in with his 14 area chairmen and the Commons yesterday that to report back to Mr Walker the Electricity Council was looking at the possibility of a 2

But Mr Walker made it clear that an increase for industrial

discussion on electricity prices. about which there were conflicting accounts, the shape of the Lawson, the Chancellor could compromise which it reached get his way would be by appeared to be agreed by all sides yesterday.

As reported in The Times on Friday, it was that instead of 3 per cent rise for domestic and MPs exploited the Cabinet industrial electricity, which the division over the issue. Mr Treasury wanted, the Electricity Stanley Orme, from the oppo-Council should be asked to sition front bench, said that Mr increase domestic prices by 2 Walker should resign. But Mr Walker should resign. But Mr

Jones, the council's chairman, minister whom Mrs Thatcher yesterday to inform him of what dropped from the Cabinet afer he leter called in the Commons the election. the Cabinet's suggestion. Mr

Since last year, two British

teams have been using genetic

engineering to detect serious

hereditary defects in foetuses

Their work depends on identifying and copying a piece of DNA (genetic material) that

corresponds to a particular faulty gene. This DNA is called a probe because it is used in the

laboratory analysis of foetal cells to pick out just that one gene from millions of others.

Dr Bernadette Modell, of the

department of obstretics at University College Hospital, London is working with Pro-

fessor David Weatherall, of Oxford University, to diagnose

thalassaemia, a serious blood

disorder found among people of

Mediterranean origin. They

have carried out about 25

diagnoses, some as early as six

weeks, allowing the mother to

have a simple early abortion if her foetus has inherited the

single faulty gene responsible

The second group includes Mr Charles Rodeck, an obstre-

tic surgeon at King's College Hospital Medical School, Lon-

don, and Dr John Gosden and

Dr Christine Gosden, a hus-

band and wife team from the Medical Research Council's

clinical and population cytogen-

ctics unit, Edinburgh. They are

not looking for a single defec-

tive gene but are detecting male foetus by a sequence of DNA

for the disease.

just eight weeks old.

per cent increase in domestic to MPs that if Mr Jones said release enough money to allow electricity prices next year and that the council did not want to put up prices, the Government did not plan legislation to users was unlikely.

God not plan to Four days after the Cabinet compel it to do so. If that happened it is clear

that the only way Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor could increasing the sum it requires from the industry in loan repayments.
in the Commons,

MPs exploited the Cabine Walker won backing from Mr Mr Walker met Mr Philip David Rowell, a former energy

Their patients are women

whose family history shows that they are carrying a sex-linked

genetic defect on an X chromo-

some. Boys stand a 50 per cent

chance of inheriting the faulty

X chromosome and therefore of

developing the disease, but girls

are not affected because their second X chromosome can

compensate for any fault in the

first. Duchenne muscular dys-

trophy is the most common

as fast as the conventional method of foctal sexing, in

which foetal cells are cultured

and the whole Y chromosome

detected by microscope. The

mother is therefore offered an abortion at the earliest possible

moment if she is carrying a

The tissue for such early

in early pregnancy. A single one of the 10,000 or so villi can be

detached, using high resolution uhrasound guidance, and re-

The technique is about twice

Genetic engineering: 2

Early diagnosis of hereditary defects

diagnose inherited disease by identifying the faulty genes

Chromosome (girls have two X vagina without discomfort to chromosomes and boys one X the patient.

The tissue for such early abortion turns out to be genetic analysis comes from necessary, doing it so late is "chorionic villi" tiny fibres that obviously far more traumatic

connect the foctus to the uterus for the parents and may be

responsible.

and one Y).

such disease.

male foetus.

found only on the Y sex moved through the cervix and

NGA can have cash to pay benefits

holding Commissioners National Graphical Association (NGA) funds seized for the union's contempt of court in the Stockport Messenger dispute are to be given permission to the union to pay sickness and hardship benefits.

Mr Justice Eastham, the High Court judge who ordered the sequestration of the NGA's assets of an estimated £10m. said yesterday, however, that the commissioners had "quite rightly" required money the union had exported to Dublin to be reimported to England.

He was speaking in the High Court in Manchester, where the NGA's counsel, Mr Terence Rigby, yesterday applied for an application, asking for the terms of the writ of sequestration to be relaxed, to be adjourned.

Mr Rigby told the court the application for an adjournment to allow discussions to take Parliamentary report, page 4 | place between the union and the

The researchers believe that

the process does not harm the foetus (after it is properly

implanted in the womb most

villi wither away). Although

there have been a few miscar-riages afterwards, these might

have occurred anyway, since

spontaneous abortions are

emphasizes that the safety is still not proven. "We want a

five-year psychiatric and pae-

diatric follow-up on these babies", he said. "Our own plan with Dr Bernadette Modell is to

do 50 to 100 cases and then sit

back and evaluate how good we

The world's medical geneti-

cists hope that the procedure does turn out to be safe, because

the alternative source of foetal

DNA is from amniocentesis in

the middle of pregnancy. If an

Until this year some blood

disorders were the only serious

hereditary diseases whose pre-

cise genetic origin was known

unacceptable ethically.

But Professor . Weatherall

common in early pregnancy.

commissioners was made with the consent of the commissioners' counsel. Dis-cussions would be taking place about disclosure of information about the union's assets, he

The judge, adjourning the application Sine Die, said he was "slightly unhappy" that an agreement had not already been reached. He said the court was anxious if possible to ensure that the union had sufficient funds exempt from the sequestration order to enable it to pay such things as sickness and retirement benefits "which at the moment of course they are not able to do.

The judge said the matter was sing to be the subject of discussions between the commissioners and the union. He said: "The commissioners for example, quite rightly require that the money exported to Dublin should be reimported to England. That will be one of the many matters to be discussed."

other defects was either imposs-

to specific pieces of DNA, known as markers, and eventu-

ally to fix the position on

particular chromosomes of all

Two American successes have been reported within the past month. Most Spectacular is

marker for Huntington's

disease, which causes mental

mental retardation in certain

children unless they follow a

associated with single gene defects should follow within a

As gene probes become available for more congenital

abnormalities, the National

Health Service will have to

devote greater resources to prenatal screening if the general

population is to benefit from

Next: Genetic manipulation

plants, animals . . . and

Probes for other diseases

rigid diet.

very few years.

the technology.

10 million human genes.

ble or depended on unpleasant

allegations aismissea Allegations that Mr David Maclean, Conservative MP for

Penrith, was guilty of incurring illegal election expenses were dismissed by a High Court judge yesterday as "wholly misconceived". Rejecting a claim by Licuten-

ant Commander Eric Morgan. aged 73, the "Liberal, Labour, Co-op" candidate in the Penrith by-election in July, that the poll was void, Mr Justice Comyn said that his numerous complaints had been "magnified out of all proportion". An accusation that Lord Whitelaw, who held the seat

before entering the Lords, was guilty of "undue influence" and had impeded the election was, the judge said, "an enormous impertinence which should never have appeared, even in a misconceived petition such as

Mr Morgan, of Hollows, Matterdale. Cumbria, now faces a bill, likely to be several thousand pounds, for Mr Maclean's legal costs.

Oil pollution report The Government said yester-

day it was in overall agreement In the second article of his series on genetic engineering, liable DNA probes could be CLIVE COOKSON describes how medical researchers can made. Prenatal diagnosis of with the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution's report, on sea pollution submit-ted in late 1981. tests later in pregnancy.
An international scientific The report concluded that, effort is now under way to link other congenital abnormalities

while current levels of marine oil pollution were unlikely to cause permanent damage, minieffects of large spills and their prevention could be improved.

£293m for Wales Welsh local authorities will

receive about £293m for capital expenditure in 1984-85, com-pared with £298m this year, but deterioration during early middle age ending in a demented death. The other achievement is a DNA probe the Government will withhold about £19m in case capital for Phenylketonuria (PKU), a spending this year exceeds cash metabolic disorder that leads to

Pit to close The Wyndham-Western col-

liery, near Pontypridd, south Wales, is to close. It has not been producing coal since last September and most of the 450 men have transferred to other collieries.

Jumbo crossword

The Times Jumbo Christmas crossword will appear on Saturday December 24, Newsagents may wish to order extrasupplies to ensure that regular readers can order a copy.

By-election | Women PCs 'minimize' psychology ...

By Nicholas Timmins Social Services Correspondent

Policewomen see less value in using psychological techniques in policing than male police officers, the British Psychological Society was told yesterday.
The finding, which was

described as surprising by Mr Peter Ainsworth of the department of social administration at the Manchester University, may be due to the women believing they need a tough, ruthless approach to do well in male-dominated police forces, he suggested.

Alternatively they may rely on a traditional female "intuitive" approach so they believe formal psychological techniques have little to offer. The findings presented to the

societie's conference in London come from a relatively small

study involving four police forces and 167 male and 23 female officers. Under 14 per cent of the male officers thought psychology was of little practical use in policing against more than 43 per cent of the women.

Far fewer of the women officers believed that psy-chology had something to offer in crowd and riot control, in dealing with domestic disturbances, in community relations or in training generally, the survey found.

Equal start Black children are as numer-

ate and literate as white ... children when they first go 10 primary school, despite evidence that they do worse at school than white children as they grow older, the conference was told.

Evidence from a study in which more than 340 children are being followed up to the age of seven in inner London schools was presented by Dr Peter Blatchford of the London University Institute of Education.

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lor of Lancaster University, is

beginning with an inquiry into

the system of external examiners and whether it is adequate

for guaranteeing the standards of examinations. It will also

look at the supervision of PhD

of this will come guidelines or a code of practice on external examining. The present system

varies tremendously between

subjects and between insti-

The working party on alternative funding will look at the way in which universities

are funded in other countries, particularly the United States,

where companies get generous

Sir Keith gave his seal of approval yesterday to next year's plan for local authority

higher education, which will almost certainly mean the

closure of at least one college. In

a written House of Commons

reply, he said letters were being sent yesterday to local edu-cation authorities and insti-

This is the first time this

sector of education has been subjected to central planning.

One key priority has been

shift from arts and social

science towards the scientific.

technological and business-re-

Pension warning

The National Union of Teachers said yesterday that teachers would be very angry if

they had to bear the brunt of a

proposed increase in pension

tax relief for donations to

Colleges shake-up

universities.

Lord Flowers hopes that out

called for the transcript of the proceedings in which a senior judge at the Central Criminal Court said that he felt sympathy for a man with a drink problem who admitted having inter-course with a friend's daughter,

When Judge Brian Gibbens, aged 71, yesterday jailed the man, William Watson-Sweeney, for two years, "to mark the enormity of the crime", he had always regarded Watson-criticized reports of the case in Menied eaving the

he had said and meant, that he would avoid reading any other papers, to avoid prejudicing his icing yesterday.

Judge Gibbens was reported on Saturday in The Times as saying: "It strikes me as being one of the kind of accidents that could almost happen to any-one." The headline was: "Sex with children could happen to anyone accidentlly, judge says."

The judge told the crowded court yesterday that he actually said: "This is of course a serious offence, offending against a little child, but it strikes me. without belittling the offence, it is one of the kind of accidents which happen in life to almost anyone - although of a wholly different kind."

The Lord Chancellor, Lord called for an official shorthand He told Watson-Sweeney am of St Marylebone, has transcript to check what he aged 35. of Vernon Road, for the transcript of the actually said. As Watson-Sweet Guildford, Surrey: "I must send ney was not to be sentenced you to prison to mark the until yesterday the matter was renormity of the crime. It is Judge Gibbens added that he

was referring what he called "gross violation" of the sub-judice rule to the Attorney General for possible contempt of court proceedings.

Saturday's newspapers.
He said that after seeing The said that after seeing The said be hoped the press would make amends by pointing out that the defendant was not a mishe paedophile and had not misbe-



Brian Chancellor asks for

obvious from your remorse and horror you are never likely to do it again. This persuades me that I can treat you with less

In Watson-Sweeney's case, he said, it was an unexpected, unpremeditated and sudden crime. By his own fault his life had been knocked to pieces.

When the child first went indoors with Watson-Sweeney he had no indecent intention and a game with her got out of hand. The judge said that the girl was not harmed, no force was used and her virginity was still intact. " he her for her beryone felt sorry for her

and her family, Judge Gibbens said. However, he was not prepared to pass sentence by rule of thumb and made no apology for feeling compassion for anyone who had brought and shame upon himself by a momentary lapse. Drink had prompted his dis-gusting behaviour.

Mr Jeremy Carter-Manning, for the defence, said that the main cause of the defendant's behaviour had been an alcohol problem which developed after he was wounded twice while serving in Northern Ireland with the Royal Corps of Signals.

Editor should go, MP says

Mr Peter Preston, editor of yesterday in a Commons motion which questioned his decision to surrender a leaked document to the Ministry of

The motion, tabled by Mr Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP for Hackney, South and Shore-ditch, said that the editor's act should serve as a public warning that the paper could not be trusted to protect its sources and called on Mr Preston and his colleagues "to consider his fitness to continue as editor of a radical national

Hearing dogs anniversary

The Hearing Dogs for the completed its first full working year with five dogs trained and placed in their new households. three in training and a target of 20 for 1984.

It takes about four months at a centre in Chinnor, Oxford-shire, and £2,500 to train each dog to alert its deaf master to aura signals such as whistling kettles, ringing doorbells or habies crying.

Computer helps handicapped boy

Lawrence Nicklin, aged 13, who is physically handicapped and who has speech difficulties, killing was given a life sentence husband and father, and blud- is now able to write and do arithmetic after being provided with his own computer.

He is a pupil at Blackfriars special school, Newcastel-undyour clothes, believing that you er-Lyme, Staffordshire, whose headmaster, Mr Bill Hollinghurst, said yesterday: "This is his first real communication with the outside world."

"It is a most dreadful crime and one for which the law now has one penalty. I sentence you Poison alert More than 40 turkeys were to life and it is my recommen-

taken from the shelves at a Tesco's supermarket in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, after a local newspaper was warned by the Animal Liberation Front that 12 birds had been injected with the poisonous paraquat. Tests revealed they had not been tampered with.

Murder remand

Ian Howell, aged 28, a hin Howell, aged 26, a kitchen porter, was remanded in custody until Friday by Oxford magistrates yesterday, charged with murdering Miss Jennifer Wright, aged 18, at an Oxford hostel where they were

Mr Lamont apparently agreed but a department spokesman emphasized later that the Government had to be sure that the project was viable.

was banned from regular patrols Miss de Launay, who had a high with a married male colleague reputation and glowing reports with a married male colleague because they worked too well of her ability, that she must give

Transferred to foot patrol: WPC Wendy de Launay.

WPC claims discrimination

Earlier this year he informed

together, an industrial tribunal up her partnership with PC Trevor Attfield. in London was told yesterday. PC Wendy de Launay is According to Mr Pannick, Mr accusing the Metropolitan Wallace told her: "When I see Police of sexual discrimination you two working together so and victimization because of

the ruling, which she claimed

was made by Chief Supt Brian

Wallace of the force's south-

Mr David Pannick, representing Miss de Launay, told the tribunal that Mr Wallace

made a general ruling that

women police officers should

never be given permanent

£400m cash

aid closer

for Airbus

By Michael Baily Transport Editor

The Government appears to

be moving close to providing launch aid for the 150-seat

Airbus A320, which seeks to

give Britain and Europe a big share of the short-to-medium

distance airliners market well

British Aerospace, a 20 per cent partner in the Airbus consortium, is seeking £400m to

get the new-technology aircaft

off the gound, and a govern-

ment announcement is expected when Parliament reassembles in

The Department of Industry

agreed yesterday that there was "much common ground" between the Government and the TUC after a meeting

between Mr Norman Lamont

the aerospace minister, and a delegation from the TUC nationalized industries com-

Airbus predicts that the A320

could win about a thousand orders by the end of the century

at a current price of between £16m and £17m each,

from France, Britain (British Caledonian) and Yugoslavia the

egation argued.

With orders already received

into the next century.

mid-January.

patrols with married men.

west traffic area.

you two working together so well and happy I am jealous. "Of course, if you were a man would not have to make this

decision if you had a face like the back of a bus it would be Miss de Launay, aged 25, of better. But you are both Englefield Green, Egham, Surattractive people." rey, said that after bringing the complaint she was transferred Mr Pannick said Mr Wallace had indicated that, although he from her job in the traffic did not believe the officers were division to foot patrol in

having an affair, he thought one might start if they continued their partnership. I have had you checked out, he is alleged to have said.

Mr Wallace is claimed to have told the two officers that

partnerships. Mr Pannick told the tribunal

that the decision effectively made it impossible for Miss de Launway to go on regular police car patrol, thus affecting her

He said that although Mr Wallace had described her as one of the best workers at the Hampton police garage, she was later returned to foot patrol. Recently, he said, Miss de Launay, who has been in the police force for five years, gained the highest marks, 99.5 per cent, on a driving school

The case, the first sexual discrimination action against the Metropolitan Police to reach a tribunal hearing, has been taken up by the Police Federation and the Equal Opportunities Commission. The hearing was adjourned

he did not want the men's wives until today.

'Trade drain' caused by town parking shortage By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Local authorities are coming have worsened considerably under increasing pressure from town centre businesses to Mr Tony Lee, the RAC's director of public affairs, said: "While authorities have introduced new measures to enforce

provide more parking space to stop the "trade drain" to suburban shopping centres. The RAC has just completed a survey of parking meters which shows that despite an

increase in revenue from metres from £55.8m to £133.47m over the past five years parking problems in the main towns

on-street parking laws at meters and elsewhere, nothing has been done to increase off-street parking space to meet the evergrowing demands of motorists

Dissident wins damages for

libel Mr Vladimir Bukovsky, the Russian dissident living in the West, yesterday accepted undisclosed damages and his legal costs in settlement of a High Court libel action against Guardian Newspapers.

He complained of an article by Dr Nicholas Humphrey, a psychologist and writer, published by *The Guardian* in March 1982, which could be read as suggesting that Mr Bukovsky resorted to false "pseudo-revelations" to distort information concerning life in the Soviet Union and Soviet foreign policy.

A320 programme would go Guardian Newspapers, Mr ahead with or without British Peter Preston, editor of The Guardian, and Dr Humphrey, apologizing through their counsel, Mr Desmond Browne, said participation, the TUC delthey did not intend to suggest that Mr Bukovsky's writings were knowingly false or dis-

Universities plan to fight back in political arena The committee representing Britain's university vice-chan-The academic standards Philip Reynolds, Vice-Chancel-

cellors is restructuring itself under the chairmanship of Lord Flowers, rector of Imperial College, London, so that it can better defend and rebuild the

university system.

It has decided to stop being purely reactive, and to take the initiative. We want to be more effective and hope thereby that we will have part of the instrument we need for rebuilding the universities", Lord

The university system has lacked an effective voice in the past and that lack has been felt keenly in the past three years when the sector has come under political pressure. The cash cuts were absorbed rather than fought.

More cuts are now being

talked about and the University Grants Committee has launched a Great Debate at the prompting of Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, raising 28 questions, including academic standards. The universities are being forced to examine themselves and the committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals wants to be in the vanguard of this examina-

Lord Flowers said that the committee hoped eventually to have permanent specialist groups looking at its relation-ship with schools, with the polytechnics and with the nealth service.

It has set up a group among the universities and industry and, as part of its decision to take the initiative, has established working parties on the alternative funding of univer-sities and on the maintenance of academic standards, two subjects close to Sir Keith's heart. Those two groups will produce reports quickly.

planned

By Bill Johnstone,

Maps for hikers and walkers

may be made available on

video and cassettes for home

computers if a survey being

conducted on their communer-

cial potential by the Ordnance

Survey of Great Britain proves

The government body, which is charged with the duty

of mapping Britain, is convert-

ing its 250,000 large scale maps

into digital form to be used by

a computer. Based on that

experience the small scale ens, used by motorists and

other road users are expected

to be given the same treatment

for home computers.

More than 2,000 map users

local government, national government, companies and

private individuals, will take

part in the survey.

The small scale maps come

in three categories. They are the route planner, used by

transport companies and taxis;

the landranger, used princi-pally by cyclists, walkers and

hikers; and the routemaster,

used by motorists.

Video maps | Radioactive fallout level drops for hikers

contributions.

By Clive Cookson

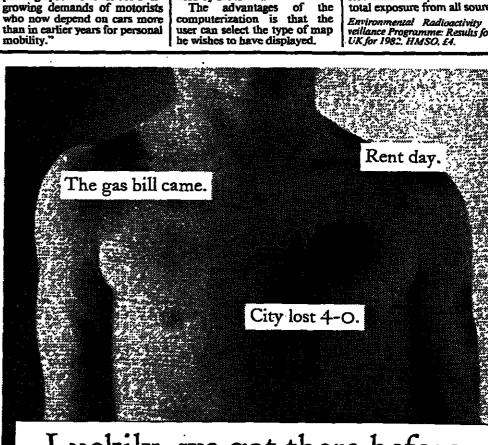
The amount of radioactive fallout over Britain declined last year, according to the National Radiological Protection Board. Levels today are probably lower than at any time since the 1950s, when many nuclear weapons were tested in the atmosphere.

The board's annual report on fallout, published today, shows that concentrations of the most important isotopes (strontium-90 and caesium-137) in air, rain and milk fell in 1982 to about had been a slight increase in 1981 after a Chinese nuclear explosion in October, 1980.

The 1983 figures are not available yet, but the board expects the decline to continue Fallout today is due mainly to the deposition of long-lived isotopes from the group of nuclear explosions which preceded the 1963 atmospheric test

ban treaty. The radioactive dose which the British population receives from weapons fallout is now

less than one per cent of the total exposure from all sources. Environmental Radioactivity Surveillance Programme: Results for the UK for 1982, HMSO, £4.



Luckily, we got there before his father was made redundant.

Most families cope with everyday problems and

But some parents just can't tolerate the stress. For them each difficulty is seen as a catastrophe. Bitter and frustrated, they resort to violence and often inflict it on those they should be closest to their own children.

Since 1884, the NSPCC has helped sa more than o million children from sufferin serious or fatal injuries at the hands of the parents. Sometimes we can only do it by removin

the children. But in most cases we keep the famil together. We sort out the problems that led toth violence. And we stay in touch once the fami is more stable - ready to help at any time if another crisis occurs.

We can't do it without spending money course. And for that, we depend almost entirely on your generosity. Any donation you can make

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He told the court that he had Travel agent staff 'must be qualified'

Package tour buyers must Trading which maintained that continue to be protected from it was anti-competition and untrained inexperienced and against the public interest, but incompetent staff, the Restric- the court ruled that it was an tive Practices Court held yester- extra safeguard for package tour

day.

The quality of travel agency staff should be subject to tour operator may sell his compulsory minimum stan- holidays only directly to the dards to be imposed and public or through an Abta policed by the Association of agent, and an agent may sell British Travel Agents.

Mr Justice Anthony Lincoln, by an Abta operator. the court chairman, said a could not readily, if at all, find out whether the travel agency staff were offering him the most suitable service, knew what they

among ABTA members.

the court was giving a Abto had proposed that the reserved judgment on miniperson should be qualified if he mum professional standards had had two years' practical needed for travel agency staff.

The ruling was

purchaser of a foreign package maintaining protection for the tour was entering into one of travelling public was more the most substantial trans-important than objections to actions in his family budget. He the exclusive trading system.

were talking about or were really able to get the services

main judgment last December for the Certificate when legal approval was given Agency competence. for the "closed shop" system

The ruling was a sequel to the experience and completed tests

Under the system an Abta agent, and an agent may sell only package holidays supplied

The court then ruled that

Dealing with the quality of travel agency staff yesterday, Mr Justice Lincoln said that all Abta retail agencies should have available the advice or super-

vision of a qualified person. for the Certificate of Travel

The office of Fair Trading claimed there was no need for

geoned him to death unsuspect-

You then pursued your

objective by dressing him in

would be able to persuade those

who had undertaken the con-

dation that you serve at least 20

Mason had admitted the

Abta's "closed shop' among more than a minimum of one its 2,400 members had been year's practical experience in challenged by the Office of Fair the industry. Life for killer who tried

to fake own death

A father of two who battered an "For greed and in a way which would cause the blood to run cold, you selected your victim, a insurance salesman to death in an attempt to fake his own by a judge at Manchester Crown Court yesterday, with the recommendation that he served not less than 20 years.

James Mason, aged 31, bludgeoned his victim with a 71b weight, disguised the body tract of insurance to pay out a in his own clothing and dumped substantial sum of money. it in a country village. His plan was for the body to be identified as his and for £70,000 insurance

money to be claimed.

But four days after the
"dreadful and horrific murder" Mason gave himself up and years.' confessed, the court was told. Mas Mason, a bakery worker, of murder of Mr David Moore, Bolton Road, Ashton-in-Maker- aged 29, whose body was found field, Greater Manchester, was at Holme, Cumbria, last told by Mr Justice Beldam: August.

Stars' plan for TV and films

United British Artists, the production company headed by top stars, is to make three films next year and record three theatre productions for inde-

The company, which has Richard Johnson, Albert Fin-ney, John Hurt, Glenda Jackson, Diana Rigg and Maggie Smith on the board of directors, yesterday unveiled its plans for

It also announced that, Harold Pinter, the playwright, was joining the compnay as a director and had accepted a commission to write the screenplay for one of the films. Turtle Diary, which is about Londoners obsessed with sea The three theatre plays will be shown on Channel 4. They

are The Biko Inquest, based on

arden, and the comedy Every-The other two films will be The Rector's Daughter, and One

Jailed bank manager in £2m frauds

A former bank manager was jailed yesterday for frauds amounting to almost £2m, most of which he gave a woman trickster.

A judge at the Central Criminal Court was told that Guy Fisher, aged 59, became trapped in a web of deceit spun by a twice-divorced mother of even children named as Mrs Pamela Shaw, aged 55.
Fisher, of Christopher Close,

Sideup, Kent, gave her £1.5m in "loans" for a fictitious business deal involving diamonds be-longing to the late Shah of Iran. Fisher, a wartime major in the Gurkhas, pleaded guilty to false accounting while manager of the overseas department of the Midland Bank Poultry and Princes Street branch in the City of London, between 1978

and 1981. He admitted making

unauthorized loans to five

customers, transferring money

to them from other people's

the inquest into the death of the South African black political leader Steve Biko; Sergeant Musgrave's Dance by John Judge Lewisohn gave Fisher a 12 month jail sentence, sus-pending all but three months of it for two years. He accepted that Fisher had not make a penny from his frauds and had lost his job, pension and home. where people go creeping round and round, just-like black beetles, in an endless muddle of

With a blind eye to insult, Wigan plans to honour George Orwell in 1984. The Wigan ances," Orwell wrote.

Metropolitan Borough Council has agreed to contribute towards a sculpture for the town where Orwell stayed briefly in 1936 gathering material for The Road to Wigan

What Orwell saw in those days clearly appalled him. The lodging house where he stayed lodging house where he stayed was "utterly depressing" with its grimy blankets, damp washing hanging in front of the fire and dirty food served on sticky oil cloth. "It was not only the dirt, the

smells and the vile food but the

feeling of stagnation, meaning-

less decay, of having got down

to some subteranean place

slovened jobs and mean griev-So much for Wigan then-

."Wigan now is unrecognizable from those days and a place to be proud of, "a comecil official said Slum clearance and land reclamation schemes had wrought a dramatic difference. The "Wigan Alps", slag heaps that cast a dark shadow over Orwell, have been erased. In their place a country park has opened, which was among the best attended in Britain.

Wigan Pier, which started as a music hall joke told by George Formby Senior, was also a swipe at the town's image, comparing a coal shute jutting into the Leeds-Liverpool Canal at Wigan with the opulent piers that were centres grand entertainment at northern coastal resorts.

taken to extremes. No one I met in Wigan bears the author a grudge. The council, working on a belief that any publicity is good, is busily turning affliction to profit.

spot where that "atterly de-

pressing" lodging house stood. The council, helped by the

Wigan forgives Orwell's gibes Government, is spending £2m on renovating the Wigan Pier area to attract business and tourism, using the famous name as an aid. A little prematurely, according to the council, the regional tourist board has begun advertising holidays in Wigan, which Orwell might have construed as doublethink

> The scalptor who has been invited by North West Arts to submit designs for an Orwell memorial is Mr Michael Sandle. He has read most of Orwell's work and will present his ideas in the new year. The sculpture will stand near the

Home Secretary hesitant over banning Provisional Sinn Fein

TERRORISM

The Government has not mied out the possibility of sate to a specific such there were the sate of the combination of the combined out the commons when questioned about his statement on the bomb incident outside Harrods store on Saturday.

In the Government has not mied out the possibility of sate of the possibility o

detention had been tried before and greate has been found to be unhelpful shead. However, the Government was The reeping all measures under review. Mir Brittain, in his statement, Saturday. He said the police had already received 22 other similar messages earlier in the day about suspicious devices, all of this turned out to be false alarms.

The bomb was detonated by a timing device similar to that used in other IRA attacks. Everything possible was being done to bring those responsible for this outrage to

fustice.

He went on: The IRA made a statement last night in Dublin in which they admitted responsibility for the attack, as well as for the bomb outside Woolwich barracks ten days ago They also claimed that the attack was unauthoused and would not be repeated, and they recorried the cyclian casualties.

regretted the civilian casualties.

As I have said elsewhere, I find the disclaimer of responsibility interly contemptible (Cheers). Those who place a bomb of this size charged specifically with the task of responding to bomb threats any-where in the Metropolitan area. These crews are patrolling 24 hours billity in that way. Moreover, the bomb was limed to go off just at the swiftly to any threat received and to moment when those investigating the situation were likely to be approaching it.

approaching it.

I totally reject the implied increased by 64 officers the number distinction between civilian and police casualties.

The Commissioner was a functional and increased by 64 officers the number of dog handlers deployed, deployed and additional Traffic Branch for the commissioner was a functional and the commissioner was What has happened is that the

illegitmate.
The whole House will, I am sure, wish to join me in expressing a sense of outrage at what has occurred, sympathy with the victims and their families, and admiration for all those including the police emerg-ency services and staff at the who have worked tireless-

ly and with devotion to deal with Before this incident the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police had already taken special

action in Central London to counter

and on further measures which he has now put in hand for the public's

The Commissioner has introduced an additional measure whereby a number of vehicles are



point in detention

charged specifically with the task of

officers, and increased uniform foot duty officers by 320 in the inner What has happened is that the action taken by its members has caused universal revulsion and condemnation. It is a price of nauseauing hypocrisy for them now to try and disowa it and to claim that some kinds of brutal munder are legitimate and some are legitimate and some are

Patrol Group units totalling 120 officers in the inner Districts. But particular care has also been taken to ensure that policing against terrorist threats is fully maintained elsewhere in the London area during

Public vigilance is now essential in order to give full effect to the extra measures I have outlined to increase security. Those who perpetrated this crime will already have learned that their action has in no way weakened the unshakable resolve of Government and public alike that violence will not secure its

recent terrorist threats. He had increased the number of police officers on traffic, crime and public eed, if anything, an outrage of this kind makes our resolution and determination stronger than ever.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs them today with the same determination.

(Manchester, Gorton, Lab), after expressing sympathy to the because of Mr. Standard and injured and praising the courage of the police, said: MPs and one such terrible incident can when courage of the police, said: MPs and the people we represent are united such an our unter and implacable and rightly so, and when the people determination to stand firm against of Northern Ireland are frequently the evil men who perpetrated this passing this way of sacrifice and deed and who now, characteristications. determination to stand firm against the evil men who perpetrated this deed and who now, characteristically and contemptibly, seek to creep away from the consequences

of their inhumanity.

Parliament will make no concession to the bullet and the bomb. We welcome the additional security measures he has amnounced and carriestly hope they will grant a greater measure of safety to our people as they go about their lawful

nd peaceful occasions.

Every effort must and will be every either must and will be made to trace and capture those responsible for Saturday's ourage together with their fellow gangsters. All our people are aware of the risks we face. They are risks that must be accepted if the methods and processes of democracy are to be unheld.

Mr Brittan: On occasions like this the unity of this House is a bastion

Mr James Melyacanx (Lagan Valley, OUP): On behalf of the people we represent may we offer our deepest sympathy to the bereaved and unjured? Will the Government remember that politi-cal parties in the Irish Republic and cal parties in the Irish Republic and elsewhere share the objectives of the IRA and hope for the attainment of those objectives provides the incentive for continuing terrorism? Mr Brittan: I note his observations about the political background.

Mr Julian Amery (Brighton, Pavilion, C): While acknowledging that the aftermath of the incident is not the best time to reach a cool he consider carefully with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland whether there is now a much stronger case for the preventive

detention of notential terrorists than Mr Brittan: That course has been followed in the past. Those who have been responsible for these matters concluded that its termin-

ation was desirable and its continuation unhelpful, but we will The Rev Ian Paisley (North Antrim, DUP): The people of Northern Ireland can enter into real sympathy with those who have suffered through this terrible and disholical arrough this terrible and disponent atrocity. For the past 15 years they have passed through this long, dark nightmare.

The resolve of the Government

today will be welcomed by the people of Northern Ireland. We trust that the same spirit that was exercised by the Government in the

Mr Britten: I appreciate that what London saw on Saturday is something which Northern Ireland

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds South and Morley, Lab): Most people in this country believe that what happened on Saturday was an atrocity and when some of the Provisional IRA in Northern Ireland say they have espoused the cause of socialism, what they have espoused is the cause of national socialism, akin to Hitler.

Hitler.
Nobody who wants a political solution in Northern Ireland agrees with the murders of the Provisional IRA, the NILA, the Red Hand



Hume: If they are patriots, God save Ireland

We should not act with panic. The dignity of the House today is something we ought to put over. There is no point in detention, in the days of detention there were

As Secretary of State for Northern Ireland 1 legalized Sinn Fein because we must leave a chink for political action as much as we disagree with murder. If we have pleas for introducing identity cards I hope it would be looked at carefully because all the information given to me was that it would be counter-

Mr Brittan: He is absolutely right to condemn murder from whatever direction it comes and it should not be our task to dignify in any way these acts committed for whatever reasons as anything other than the foulest crimes and the most barbaric action. He has given views from his

Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Mr Elson Grunnis (bury at Edmunds, C), parliamentary adviser to the Police Federation, said: I thank the House for the tributes' which have been paid to the men and women of the Metropolitan that the Commissioner has taken to

central London. Would he review the resources available to the Special Branch and reject those who are seeking at this moment to dismande the one arm of the police service that has a real possibility of protecting our citizens against this terrible plague? Mr Brittan: There is no question of the Special Branch being dis-

Mr Russell Johnston (Invercess. Name and Lochaber, L): In tracking down the Baader Meinhoff gang in the Federal Republic of Germany the use, of identity cards was indispensable in their capture.

Although we hate the idea we would put up with it if as a consequence it was more likely these evil men would be tracked down and brought to justice.

Mr Brittan: I would have no MIP DATERNEY I WOULD have no hesistation in supporting such a measure if I thought it would make a significant contribution to tracking down terrorists, but I am not yet persuaded that that would be the

Sir Hugh Fraser (Stafford, C): Could we be assured that any talks with either the military or political wing of the Provisional IRA in Northern freland or elsewhere, will Mr Brittan: No such talks are taking

Mr John Hume (Foyle, SDLP): Not for the first time in 14 years I have to search for new words to describe

an atrocity and there are not any more, they have all been used. As an Irishman I am ashamed, and I

believe my shame is shared by Irish people everywhere, that anyone could commit such an atrocity in the name of lealand.

Sir Branden Rhys Williams (Kenthe name of lealand)

the name of Ireland.
It those who planted that borns are Irish patriots, if those who provided them with the equipment and the plan are Irish patriots, if those who are members of the same movement are Irish patrious, then God save Ireland.

While the atrocity at Harrods was being committed, a young soldier and a young policemen were murdered in the Irish Republic while doing their duty, a member of the UDR was murdered in Northern Ireland and a young Catholic innocently solute to the was Catholic innocently going home was murdered. The incident at Harrods received international publicity, the murders in Northern Ireland did

It is from Northern Ireland that the political cancer is spreading its tentacies and that represents that failure of Britain and Ireland to sort out their relationship. That failure has been pushed into a corner called Northern Ireland.

Mr Brittan: He is right in drawing attention to the wider dimensions of terrorism affecting Ireland, on both sides of the Irish Sca and on both sides of the border. The right course is to make it clear that what happened on Saturday will do nothing towards a solution,

Mr Martin Flamery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab): I would join Mr Hume in his sentiments. All Labour MPs share the horror at this barbaric act which slaughtered people who had nothing to do with the struggle. It just gives a malevolent and viscous twist to an introduction of the struggle. intractable problem.

May I appeal that nothing be said which will give an incentive to any unofficial grouping which would try to engage in similar retaliation

Mr British: Any attempt at retaliation would offensive, horrific could lead to escalaring upon the could lea

sington, C): My daughter was working at Harrods and from what ahe was saying about the incident I understand that the security practice

in the store was exemplary and might have contributed consider-ably to the saving of life.

We Brittan: The decision of Harrods to search the store and not to pour many people out on the streets

saved a great many lives. Mr John Wheeler (Westminster, North, C): The statement will be welcomed by the residential and business community of central



capital punishment

nation not to be bombed out of their homes or businesses and because of ncreased police support. Mr Brittan: For us to be bombed out of our homes and businesses would be the greatest victory the IRA could secure. We shall not

allow it to happen. Mr Clare Short (Birmingham, Ladywood, Lab): While we all join

for procription of Sinn Fein which has the support in votes of 42 per cent of the nationalist electorate. This would be likely to criminalize and point towards violence large numbers of young men in that community, 25 we experienced with internment

Mr Brittan: I have no wish to do anything which would lead to escalation. Whether that would do so or not is open to two views, but

her observations are noted. her observations are noted.

Ner Patrick Cormack (South Staffordshire, C): Did he hear the broadcast by one of the bravest men who ever sat in this House, Lord Fitt, who said that Provisional Sinn Fein were daytime politicians who served the cause of violence and we should seriously consider their proscription.

Mr Brittan: I heard it. There is room for two legitimate views as to the wisdom or otherwise of proscribing Sinn Fein.

This is a matter we are urgently considering but there are powerful arguments in both directions. arguments in both directions.

Mr Geoffrey Dickess (Littleborough and Saddleworth, C): This
House has been full of words,
words words and sympathy,
sympathy, sympathy, What the
country wants is action. Politicians
seldom reflect the views of the
country. We should be holding a
referendum on capital punishment
for terrorists. That is what people
want.

Mr Brittan: I do not think the arguments are affected by what has

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Health and Social Security Bill, second reading. Lords (2:30): Roads (Scotland) Bill, committee. Amusement Machines Bill, committee.

Fitt: IRA are enemies of Ireland and Britain certain way of prefecting Christmas

After the statement had been repeated in the House of Lords by Lord Eton, Under Secretary of State, Home, Office, Lord Misheon, for the Opposition, said there was place in the annals of evil men.

vile crime should be brought to justice. Equally are we determined that not one drop of political advantage should be gained by the shedding of this innocent blood.

Lord Harris of Greenwich (SDP) said he also wished to be associated with the expressions of horror at the scale of this atrocity. There was no shoppers, but they should take into account the case with which car bombs could be left outside London department stores which known to be potential targets. He added: Could we express the

hope that those US citizens who have given money to Noraid and other front organizations of the provisional IRA do take account of Lord Elton said the Metropolitan

Police Commissioner was con-cerned that the need for increased commitment to policing central Loudon should not diminish the policing for Greater Loudon as a

maintained at all times in all places.

He hoped those supporting such organizations as Lord Harris mentioned would indeed know what their money had bought. An American citizen was one of the

victims of the outrage.

Regarding the possibility of banning parking outside major stores during the Christmas period, the Commissioner did not believe. this would assist in reducing the risk od terrorist bombs in London.
Lord Fitt (Ind): The IRA are the

enemies of us all in these islands, both in Ireland and in Britain. Perhaps now would be the time for the Government to take into

whole. Proper cover would be of the so-called provisional Sinn maintained at all times in all places. Fein as a political organization. Fein as a political organization.
Would the minister accept from me that the provisional Sinn Fein and the IRA are one and the same

thing.

The so-called member for West
Belfast (Mr Gerry Adams) had
refused to condemn those responsible for the London bombing. If the Government decided to recat provisional Sinn Fein as they should be treated as the IRA it would have be treated as the IRA it would nave
the overwhelming support of the
people of Ireland and Britain.
Lord Elton said the possibility of
banning Sinn Fein was being
considered byw ministers and Dr
Fitzgerald was giving thought to the
same thing at the same time.

Government want 2% price rise

ELECTRICITY The Government downst page it in mind to introduce emergency legislation to compel the nationalized power industries to increase gas and electricity prices, Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, said in the Commons.

He revealed that at a meeting in the morning with Mr Philip Jones, chairman of the Electricity Council, he had put to him the Cabinet suggestion of a 2 per cent increase in ing a 2 per cent increase over 2 years. That compared with a 2 per cent increase in electricity prices every six weeks under the Labour

There was no possibility of electricity prices going up before the end of the winter, he added, and any increase would be well below half the low current rate of inflation. The gas industry would be announcing their price increases very shortly. In a clash over electricity and gas prices. Mr Stanely Orme, chief

Opposition spokesman on energy, said that Mr Walker, should resign after losing the battle in Cabinet over an electricity price increase. Mr Orme said: The Electricity Council does not want any increase Industry itself needs this proposal like a hole in the head. Certainly the consumer does not want any increase. Above all, Mr Walker is opposed to any such increase. There is therefore a major division in the Cabinet. The Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the

taxation at the expense of the least well off in our society. Mr Walker

announced at the appropriate time by the industries concerned. The Government has no powers over increases. The gas industry will announce their price increase shortly. It will be the industry's without any Government On industrial electricity it is

probably unlikely for a long time that there will be increases apart from normal adjustment clauses.
On domestic electricity, the
Cabinet has asked the Electricity
Council to look again at their of a 2 per cent increase next year. This would mean there will have

been a 2 per cent increase over two years whereas under the Labour Government there was a 2 per cent increase every six weeks. Mr Orme, who was responsible for those on lower incomes, should resign every six weeks (laughter). Mr David Winnlek (Waisall North, Lab): All Mr Walker's rhetoric does not disguise that he was beaten ad humiliated in Cabinet

by the Prime Minister and the Chancellor on electricity price If the Electricity Council refuses to increase prices, and it has made clear that it considers there is no persuasion will be use to force it to

Mr Walker. There is no question of powers. We are having a perfectly reasonable dialogue with the Electricity Council and asking them to consider its price increases over the last two years and making a suggestion to them. This morning I met the council's chairmen who told me he would carefully consider the views expressed by the Cabinet. That is a perfectly good relationship. If Mr Orme condemns the possibility of domestic electricity Exchequer have carried the day. Their reason for wanting the increase is to make the cuts in

Mr Walker: I am grateful for that Lybrand, appointed by the Chancel-invitation. Gas and electricity price lor had reported that, if anything, increases will be decided and electricity prices should be reduced Council apparently sees no need for any further price increase.

So it would be better if the

the price they think appropriate. Mr Walker: The electicity Council will set prices, it is easonable for governments to have a dialogue with the major nationalised industries and make sugges-tions about the manner in which

part of the report dealing with the write off of capital assets, they did not give an overall view that



electricity prices shuld be cut by 7 per cent. this is ultimately a matter for the council itself.

Howell: Treasury's poor grasp of energy issues

Mr James Wallace (Orkney and Shetland, L): If, at the end of discussions, the Electricity Council is directed in increase fuel prices against its better judgement how would that square with the Government's policy of non-interpretation in industrial.

Whitehall brief

Nothing new for 'Yes, Minister'

and resign if necessary.

• More staff and better

briefing for Commons select

As an experiment a few civil

servants should be seconded to

strengthen professional support for the Opposition.

• A reduction of the 30-year

rule secret documents to "a

A 200-strong standing royal

ission able to pick its own

much shorter interval".

governments for the council concerned to have discussions and take into account views of the Government on the economic position, because if you take the electricity industry, a great deal of the calculation is based on the forecasts made by the Treasury on trends in the ecomomy. It is right that a dialogue should take place. Mr David Hewell former Secretary of State for Energey, (Guildford, C): On this matter of electricity prices,

future price rises are managed.
On the Coopers and Lybrand report, the quotation that Mr Hordern read in the papers was one.

If he is going to approve a price of the interpretation in the papers was one. had a rather poor grasp of matters to energy pricing.

If he is going to approve a price energy markets and proper energy policy and energy balance rather than on short-sighted views pressed on him by the Treasury. (Labour

he has may sympathy. In my experience, the Treasury has always

Mr Walker. The important thing is that financial targets set by the Government should be complied with and should be met. The nationalized industries should also nationalized industries should also take into consideration the general economic scene. I am sure that is what they will do.
If we are going to have good management in this industry we have to set financial target which is sensible, just as we have set the gas industry.

Mr Dale Campbell Savours (Workington, Lab): In the period since 1979, with the RPI rising 57.2 per cent, why is it the Government has ectioned increases in gas prices of 112 per cent; electricity, 82.5 per cent; and coal, 82.2 per cent? is it not for the Government to take a lead by using public utilities as a

Mr Walker: Over the last two years in real terms gas and electricity prices have gone down.

That is a perfectly good relationship.
If Mr Orme condemns the possibility of domestic electricity prices rising 2 per cent over two yars when his Government increased it by 170 oper cent, it is extraordinary.

Mr Peter Harders (Horsham), C) said the advisors. Coopers and customery under all solutions in the Electricity Council is directed in increase fuel prices against its better judgement how would that square with the Government's policy of non-intervention in industry?

Mr Walker: The statutory power on prices is with the council. It has always been customery under all to persuade the Cabinet we should

all have a rebate since we all own the electricity industry?

Mr Walker: To assist Christmas good cheer, there is no possibility of electricity increases until the end of the winter. If there are increases, low current rate of inflation. On rebates, the correct thing to do is to get sensible financial targets and not

Mr Orme: What were the argument he used against the increases? These increases were arrived at when he was away in China. We were told he Mr Walker. What happened in

what had been agreed with myself the week before as to the way in which we should approach the Electricity Council. As a person I am never angry. Whatever the result, and any views I have expressed, if there are any increases they will be way below the rate of inflation.

Gas corporation target agreed

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, said he had agreed with the British Gas Corporation a financial target and a performance objective for 1983-84 to 1986-87. The financial target (he said) will require the corporation to earn an average current cost operating profit, before taxation and interest, of 4 per cent on average net assets at

per cent real reduction, by 1986-87 against 1982-83, in unit net trading costs per therm of gas sold and used at seasonal normal temperatures. as seasonal normal temperatures.

Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse (Pontefract and Castleford, Lab): Does Mr Walker expect a caseffire in the war between himself and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and who does he expect to be the victor? Mr Walker: I do not expect caseffires. I expect happy, cheerful, contented dialogues (Laughter).

Protests at cancelled contract

SCOTLAND

The cancellation by Britoil of its

Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House, said the matter would be pursued through for arranging the business of the Mr Norman Godinan (Greenockand Port Glasgow, Lab) was first to raise the issue when he unsuccess-

fully sought an emergency debate on the cancellation of the contract which, he said, had been announced just an hour and a half ago.
It will (he said) lead inevitable to the loss of some 4,000 jobs at Lithgow in constituency. This contract must be renognated within the next two or three weeks or it will be lost for ever.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland, rising on a point of order, called for a statement from a responsible minister, either from the Scottish Office or the Department of Trade and Industry, before the Christmas recess.

He said the whole future of
Britain in a key area of high
technology in the North Sea was at

Mr Bruce Millan (Glasgow, Govan, Lab) appealed to Mr Biffen to make some response to Mr Dewar's point He said it was a matter of extreme urgency. If nothing was done this week the contract would be lost.

£500 for solicitor held in cell

after he refused to hand over a document given him by a client should not have been put in a police cell, a High Court jury decided in Manchester yester-

against the Chief Constable of Merseyside. Mr Middleweek, who was detained for more than two hours in April 1980 before being

told in the presence of others claim for defamation. The jury found he should not have been kept in a cell for 20

minutes.

Enormous potential of cable television HOUSE OF LORDS The development of new cable

growth of a range of new services of enormous potential for economic, industrial and social life, Lady The cancellation by Britton of its contract with Scott Littingow for a semi-submersible drilling rig was the subject of exchanges in the Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an emergency debate or a statement by Commons as MPs sought either an e The Bill establishes a cable

authority to license and regulate the provision of cable programme services and enables the IBA to provide direct broadcasting services by satellite.
Lady Trumpington said cable and satellite both offered new opportunities to industry in developing the technology and exploiting it not only in this country but overseas.

It is up to us (she went on) to provide the framework which offers the widest opportunities and

greatest benefits to those prepared to apply them.

The cable systems needed both encouragement and regulation but this was the subject of another piece ms was me supect of mother piece of legislation - the Telecommunications Bill which would also shortly be before the Lords. The Government's objective was to develop, as quickly as possible audiences big enough to make it worth while for companies to

provide programme services -services that would have to be thractive if cable was to succeed.

The authority would consist of chairman and six members. The Government wanted them to start work as soon as the Bill was enacted and hoped to announce who they would be while the Bill was still going through Parliament. They would appointed by the Home Secretary (Mr Leon Brittan) and

independent body and have to support itself financially from the fees it charged to its licensees. The Government (she said) is determined there should be no undermining of the kind of programme standards that we insist

on for the existing broadcasting authorities. There is to be no scope for undesirable material of a violent or sexually explicit nature. opportunities within which private investment could seek to satisfy the success would depend on their offering to the public services which they wished to buy at a price the

were prepared to pay.

The Bill would allow them to move forward in advancing the frontier of telecommunications technology and to do so without the dead hand of bureaucracy. Opposition, said they must ensure that they neither shut the gates in the face of technological progress not recklessly opened them too wide to admit unwelcome and possible

failed adequately to protect the existing broadcasting services and the quality of national life. The Opposition would be pressing for safeguards during the futher stages of the Bill.

There was nothing in the Bill other than certain broad concepts, to guide the new authority. The Government should issue guidelines to the proposed licences instead of leaving such conditions to the unguided will of the new authority. The applicants and Parliament were

maximum quota for imported items

Peace lessons find a place in school

Peace studies are taught in Fred Rathenow, professor for schools in many education social studies at the Berlin areas, according to a survey carried out by Lancaster Uni-

The research, shows that 11.8 per cent of Conservative and 30.6 per cent of Labour councils have peace studies on the curriculum in their schools. In addition to that 47.1 per cent of Conservative and a third of Labour councils included peace studies under other topics. The survey was carried out by Dr Paul Smoker, reader in peace and conflict research at ancaster University and direc-

tor of the Richardson Institute

versity.

Technical University.
Of the 125 United Kingdom authorities, 93 replied to a questionnaire or sent a letter, but only 62 provided sufficient detail to answer the main questions. The main difference between Labour and Conservative coun-

cils came in whether a woeking party had been set up to discuss a peace studies curriculum. None of the Conservative councils in the sample had done so or intended to do so, but 27.8 per cent of Labour councils had set up working parties with a for Conflict and Peace Re- further 5.6 per cent preparing to search, and Professor Hanns- do so.

Driving ban on baronet

Sir William Pigott-Brown, alcohol in his breath at Lyall who was arrested for a drink Street, Westminster, on Decemand driving offence in his ber 15. Mercedes at 4 am, was fined £150 and banned from driving for a year at Horseferry Rd

Woman Police Constable
Sheila McMiff said that Sir
William failed the breath test
when stopped for driving

alcohol in his breath at Lyall

court yesterday.

Sir William, aged 42, degratically, and a further test scribed as a director, of Eaton proved he had 54 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 mls of Mews, Belgravia, London, rammes of alcohol in 100 mls of admitted driving with excess breath, 19 points over the limit.

By Peter Hennessy

The big disappointment of the 1983 Reith lectures, delivered by Sir Douglas Wass, former Permanent secretary to the Treasury, is that Mr Antony Jay, creator, with Mr Jonathan Lynn, of Yes, Minister, did not

"I find the public utterances

of permanent secretaries so predictable and completely

interchangable that I have

stopped listening to them", Mr Jay explained. "It has to do with Civil Service English. You have to squeeze all personality Had Sir Humphrey Appleby, of the Department of Administrative Affairs, tuned in? "Humphrey would have seen a draft in advance and, having been invited to comment, would

have removed all phrases that

carried any meaning", he said. That is not how Sir Douglas's THE WASS RECOMMENDATIONS

 A new system for reviewing public spending programmes to enable
 Cabinet to make unlawful or unconstitutional public spending programmes to enable Cabinet to make efficient choices on the basis of reason rather than "blind preindice*

committees, say, on economic,

social and transport policy, to

New Cabinet

produce a strategic collective view and prevent a strong minister "railreading" colleagues. ● A revived "Think Tank" concentrating on public spending to prevent the Treasury and

information and advice".

subjects for "dispassionate and authoritative investigation free individual departments making private deals detrimental to Cabinet from party and sectional

Douglas think he is up to?" But another Whitehall veteran said: But in a conversation broadcast just before the lectures began Sir Douglas did reveal The Treasury, for example, was miffed at his suggestion that the Cabinet remained at a disadvantage on economic affairs because the Chancellor of the Exchequer "keeps his powerful"

The lectures were very Wassish – well put together, decent, decent, decent, decent, decent, reasonable but sexless."

Sir Douglas did reveal how the Treasury had played for time during the 1976 sterling a disaster of 1931 proportions.

Estacode, the Civil Service applying the civil Service applying the The lectures were very Was-

told they were not memoirs - it was not necessary for them to One very senior figure won-dered: "What on earth does be approved in advance.

control of the sources of official Office for vetting. But he was brakes to Labour governments? "I would rebut that argument because I was only doing what Denis Healey (then Chancellor of the Exchequer) wanted me to. He wanted me to get the best terms I could from the International Monetary Fund", Sir

Sir Douglas Wass: "Pro-

letting"

without blood-

Douglas said this week. Sir Douglas's coming out in of law and order, and economic favour of open government "definitely encouraged" Mr Des Wilson, chairman of the 1984

however, wondered if Sir Douglas's plan for an official information auditor was a device to "contain" the need for a freedom of information Act. Sir John Hoskyns, former senior policy adviser to Mrs Thatcher and arch-critic of the existing Whitehall system, believes that Britain is heading for serious difficulties when North Sea oil begins to run out, and that reform of central govern-

Committee for Freedom of

Information, whose campaign begins next month. Mr Wilson,

He said of the Wass lectures: "It is very encouraging that the debate is moving on, but I felt they lacked a sense of urgency because they did not set a context of the world and the direction in which Britain is

ment is a necessary precondi-

tion of national recovery.

Sir Douglas disagrees: "I do not think these are desperate times. If they are, the country, has been in desperate times since 1066. We have always been faced with the breakdown collapse. But our system has given us progress without blood-letting."

From Our Correspondent

Mr David Middleweek, aged 44, who practises in Manchest-cr, was awarded £500 damages

that he was being bailed on suspicion of theft, had claimed damages alleging wrongful ar-rest, unlawful search, false imprisonment and defamation. Mr Justice Eastham ruled that Mr Middleweek's arrest at Liverpool Magistrates Court was lawful and that there was no malice in relation to the

The Chief Constable was given a stay of execution for 28 days while an appeal is con-

Four seized

for planning

attacks on

prosecutor's office announced

Two of the four, who were all

aged between 21 and 25, were said to belong to the Red Army Faction and the other two to an

unspecified terrorist group.

When they were arrested at Russelsheim, near Frankfurt, police said they also seized a quantity of bomb-making mat-

A 29-year-old shorthand

typist employed by an insurance company was sentenced to two and a half years in prison

vesterday by a Frankfurt court for helping the Red Army

Fans sentenced

Hamburg (AFP) - Two

football supporters were given

prison sentences, one of them suspended, and a third ordered

to do community service, for

their part in the death of a 16-

year-old rival supporter struck by a stone. It happened after a cup match between SV Hamburg and Werder Bremen.

Paris (Reuter) - The French left warded off a strong

challenge from the Opposition

in a parliamentary by election by joining forces behind the centre-left candidate. M Ber-

nard Charles in the south-west-

ern region of Lot. He won the run-off poil with 52.44 per cent of the votes.

Left's victory

errorists and with neparing against American barracks and arms depots and state railway property, the public

US

Israeli hardliners keep up pressure on Arafat's besieged PLO fighters

or the safe passage of Mr Yassir
Arafat and his 4,000 Palestine

The hard line being adopted by the Cabinet has the support of all coalition factions. Some Liberation Organization fighters, guarantees said to have been sought by Greece.

Officials also denied that any such pledge had been given previously by the Israelis, to escape to Tunisia. directly or indirectly.

Senior ministers have delib-crately striven to maintain uncertainty about what Israel's final attitude would be towards the evacuation convoy. Veiled threats have been mingled with a string of studiously ambiguous statements.

A Defence Ministry source said yesterday that Israel would continue to put pressure on the PLO - of the kind which over the past 24 hours has seen two naval bombardments of Tripoli and air strikes against what Israel described as "terrorist bases" close to the Beirut-Damascus highway in Lebanon.

One interpretation of Israel's stand has been given by reserve General Rafael Eitan, the hawkish former Chief of Staff. He said that Israel had an interest in Mr Arafat's men remaining in Tripoli because it wanted them to disappear, and they were more likely to disappear faster if they re-

The Israeli Government mained beleaguered in the Nations or any other civilized appeared in no mood last night Lebanese port. country. We have made this position clear and we have

individual ministers, such as Mr Ariel Sharon, the former defence chief, are still pressing for military action to kill Mr Arafat before he has the chance

cabinet session on Sunday when Mr Dan Meridor, the Cabinet Secretary, stated bluntly: "We was being discounted by diplobelieve that the terrorists should not receive the support and protection of the United



Mr Modai: Accused the

Army accused of errors over Tyre bombing

From Our Own Correspondent, Jerusalem

Local commanders appar- the attack was ineffective. ently disregarded a directive from the General Staff to place an armoured vehicle at the fence Minister, told his Cabinet entrance to the Tyre security colleagues - who had already headquarters, which had been rejected an earlier report as identified as a target for insufficiently detailed - that the

on Ottawa

health Bill

From John Best

Ottawa

unexpected turnabout by the

opposition Progressive Con-

servative Party, legislation to remove inequities from Cana-

da's national health insurance

plan - known as Medicare -

appears certain of relatively smooth sailing through Parlia-

The legislation will abolish

extra charges against patients

which threaten the philosophi-cal underpinning of the popular

scheme - the principles of universality and accessibility.

charges is the most serious to hit the \$Can 18 billion (£10

billion) programme since it was

launched in the 1960s, with the

organized medical profession

and most of Canada's 10 provinces pitted against the

The federal Tories were

expected to oppose the Govern-

ment legislation, not least because most of the provinces

which took a stand against the Bill are run by Conservative regimes. But last week the

Tories surprisingmy threw their support behind the measure.

Mr Pierre Trudeau's Liberal

regime, trailing far behind the Tories in public opinion polls, had been expected to use

Medicare to restore its popularity with voters in the run-up to the general election, due next

The Tories refused to fall into

the trap, preferring to face the

to that of the voters.

entro ampre some content months of

federal Government.

The dispute over extra

Thanks to a sudden and

Military errors which may the main gates had not becen lead to courts martial have been locked, that two guards were revealed by the official Israeli not at their posts when the lorry inquiry into the November 4 packed with explosives was entry book-keeping", which it bomb attack in Tyre which driven in shortly after fam, that claimed consisted of a firm killed 61 people. 29 of them carthworks had not yet been hand against terror in Britain members of the Israeli defence completed and that a zig-zag barrier erected shortly before

Mr Moshe Arens, the Deterrorists from the beginning of military police were still investie year.

The report also alleged that martial proceedings.

given no guarantees to anyone.

"The PLO is an organization whose aim is the destruction of Israel, and its methods are terror action. We have fought them and will go on fighting

The policy was spelt out the Prime Minister, in a concisely are seven-hour television interview that the matic observers. Mr Yıtahak Moda'i, the

Energy Minister, and one of the contenders for the foreign affairs portfolio when it is eventually handed on by Mr Shamir, yesterday accused both the Greek and French Governments of ulterior motives for their willingness to assist with the PLO evacuation.

The minister claimed that both countries had secured a guarantee that there would be no more PLO terrorist actions on their native soil as a condition for coming to the assistance of Mr Arafat.

Meanwhile, the Israeli press continued to link the Pro-visional IRA bomb attack on Harrods with the agreement of the West to help with Mr Arafat's departure. Hatzofeh. the only daily which consist-ently backs the Shamir Govern-ment, complained that the free world was unwilling to learn from the London atrocity, "and draw the necessary conclusions in its war against terror".

The paper went on to charge Mrs Thatcher with "doube but understanding for the PLO as far as Israel was concerned.

"Let us hope". Hatzofeh concluded, "that after what happened in the centre of London there will be a shift in the world's attitude towards terror wherever it may happen: and they will no longer draw London and attacks in Tel Aviv

> was now only 18 months to two Mr Andropov, who was last seen in public on August 18, was being treated in a special ment sanitarium for members of the Communist Party Central Committee on the outskirts of Moscow, Newsweek said Doctors did not want him to return to his duties but hoped he would be able to attend the scheduled December 28 meeting of the

Sapreme Soviet.

He was on a programme of rest and dialysis, which artificially cleanses the blood of impurities that diseased kidneys cannot filter out.

Several doctors had proposed a kidney transplant, but others opposed it for fear that their patient could die A senior Communist Party

spokesman, Mr Leonid Zamya-tin, said last week that Mr Andropov was recovering from an illness and already working right to decide how much



Eyes front: Members of the Salvadorean Army's Morazán Battalion marching out of San Francisco Gotera, capital of Morazán department, to search for guerrillas who had wiped out an army communications base on the Cacahuatique volcano, killing more than 50 soldiers.

Nicaragua mobilizes coffee-picking army

From Alan Totalinson, Managua

EEC budget will

be adopted today

The EEC's £15.5bn budget money the Community can

will be adopted today, despite a spend. This was in part linked

letter to the Parliament from to the MEPs' vote to increase

Nicaragua is mobilizing tens of thousands of volunteers to bring in its all-important coffee crop which has become the latest targets of the US-based anti-Sandinista contras.

The volunteers are being joined by hundreds of young people, mainly from the United States and Europe, who are forming international brigades to work in the plantations. Nicaragua cannot afford to

lose its coffee crop at a time when US sanctions and sabotage of its supplies by the

Andropov

dying, says

Newsweek

New York (Reuter, AFP)

Soviet doctors have given

President Andropov less than

two years to live, the American

magazine Newsweck Reported

Quoting a knowledgeable

Soviet medical source, the

magazine said the 69-year-old

Soviet leader was suffering from a degenerative kidney disease

that had responded to treat-

ment, but barring a new medical discovery his life expectancy

yesterday.

contras have badly hurt the economy. Contra attacks on plantations near the Honduran border have delayed the harvest, reducing expectations that last year's \$140m (\$93m) of precious foreign exchange earned from coffee can be repeated this time.

Nearly 70 per cent of the crop is grown in the northern provinces of Jinotega and Matagalpa, where the hilly terrain lends itself to guerrilla insugency. By late January any coffee still unpicked will perish

the Council of Ministers ques-

tioning the legal basis of parts of

Mr Piet Dankert, the Parlia-

ment's president, has decided

that there is no point in

reopening the conciliation pro-

cess over the budget on the

grounds raised by Foreign Ministers when they met in

Brussels yesterday. In his view

Parliament voted so over-

whelmingly in support of the

budget last week that there is no

room for any further amend-

The Council yesterday was

undecided on what to do to stop

its being adopted at noon today

by Mr Dankers, in the end it

agreed to send the letter, based

on a watered-down British

draft, protesting at the way in which the budget had been

agreed, but stopping short of asking the Parliament directly

The letter specified the main areas of the budget that the

Council disliked. Among them

was the way it had reclassified the £457m net rebate due to

Britain to make it possible for

the Parliament to freeze the

Other points at issue included

the Parliamt's claim to have the

for a conciliation meeting.

under the unrelenting sunshine of the imminent dry season. While the Sandinista Army

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and militias try to keep the controls in check, Nicaragua's 25,000 traditional pickers are being joined by 15,000 volunteers and 30,000 workers from the capital who are organizing themselves on a rota basis.

volunteers largely from the United States, West Germany, France, The Netherlands, and Scandinavia, will be arriving

Community spending next year

by £80m more to the amount

Parliament was authorized to

in rebates to Britain for 1982 was handed over yesterday by the Commission. This brings total Community support to

González flies to

see Mitterrand

Madrid - Señor Felipe Gonzá-

President Mitterrand of France

in an attempt to gain support

for Spain's application to join

writes).

payment.

on January 1.

EEC (Richard Wigg

Since the Athens summit the

Madrid Government has been

anxious to discover France's intentions during its chairman-ship of the Community starting

Britain for the year to £809m. The money falls £42m short of the total Britain believes it is

owed for that year, and the

Government has promised to

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continue to work for full

hich member states believed

A cheque for a further £178m

over the next few days from international brigades in the plantations.

In addition, about 400

Another 140 foreign young-sters resident in Nicaragua have formed the first brigade, calling themselves the Maurice Bishop Battalion in reference to the Grenada leader whose assassination preceded the US invasion of the island. The foreign volunteers intend to spend Christmas and the first three weeks of the new year helping to salvage the coffee.

dodge issue

on Cyprus

From Our Own Correspondent

at once.

pav duty.

Thirty-year war **Ministers**

Jakarta (Reuter) - Two 65-year-old Indonesian soldiers, who thought the war of independence against the Dutch was still going on, have been found living among isolated tribes in the central Sumatran jungle. They had to be convinced that the war ended 30

people convicted by revolutionary courts of dealing in drugs and involvement in gun battles reported. .would

Gift's Water Linnuity of descendants Brussels (AP) of Wellington in senator yesten of his def

only to goods coming from the Greek part of the island, forcing any goods from the Turkish Yesterday's meeting agrees that a new kind of document Napoteon waterloo. issued by the recognized Cyp-

riot Government would be acceptable to the customs in each member state. But nothing was agreed about cancelling the old documents. Which can still be issued in the Turkish part.

year aid package, the money to be spent on "the population of Cyprus". With no distinction as to where it lives. NICOSIA: A Cyprus

The Commuity has agreed to

implement a new £26m five-

government spokesman has accused the Turkish side of murdering a Greek-Cypriot soldier on duty along the "green line" dividing the two

The EEC again backed away 17 executed from positive action against the self-styled Turkish Republic of Tehran (Reuter) - Seventeen Cyprus when foreign ministers met in Brussels yesterday and succeeded in facing both ways

Argument centred on the with security forces were preferential customs duty which executed in Iran, Tehran radio a the island enjoys when sending its goods to the Community. Greece, as current president of the Community, has been pressing for this to be granted

budget,



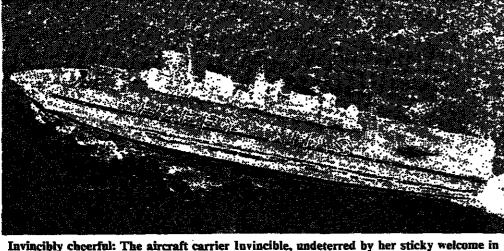
Bangkok (Reuter) - Five men

fired machine guns into a crowd of about 30 Thai villagers watching a television show, killing 10 and wounding three others. The motive was not

Lucky turtle

Akron, Ohio (AP) - A rubber company researcher is hoping to get a crippled, 350lb sea turtle named Lucky on the road to recovery with rubber flippers to replace the two that were bitten off by a shark.

- All decked out for Christmas Down Under



Australia, displaying a seasonal greeting en route from Auckland to Sydney. There it is hoped she will be repaired after Australia backed down from its original ban because the vessel might be carrying nuclear weapons. **Turnabout**

Fears of growing East-West tension

US lists Soviet arms control violations

The Reagan Administration is nearing completion of a review of Soviet violations of arms control agreements. The report is to be presented to Congress early in the new year, and although its contents

will be classified the Administration is coming under increasing pressure from conservatives to make at least part of its contents public.

If this happens, it will further sour United States relations

with the Soviet Union because it contains damaging evidence of what one official describes as a deliberate Soviet policy of abusing arms control agree-

America's Nato allies are concerned that publication of segments of the report could make it more difficult to Geneva talks on medium-range missiles which were broken off by the Soviet Union last month. According to an official intercontinental ballistic missile involved in the preparation of known as the PL5; the carrying

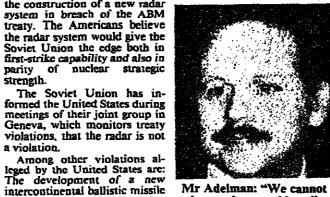
list a series of alleged Soviet underground nuclear tests in violations of the Salt 1 and Salt excess of 150 kilotons; and the agreements, the Anti-Ballistic use of chemical weapons in Missile (ABM) Treaty, the Biological Weapons Convention, the Threshold Test Ban The Treaty and the Limited Test contain a host of lesser alle-

The violation which most concerns the United States is the construction of a new rada system in breach of the ARM treaty. The Americans believe the radar system would give the Soviet Union the edge both in first-strike capability and also in parity of nuclear strategic strength.

achieve a resumption of the a violation. Among other violations alleged by the United States are: The development of a new

The Soviet Union has informed the United States during meetings of their joint group in Geneva, which monitors treaty violations, that the radar is not

The report is also expected to gations such as concealment of weapons systems, Successive administrations



Cambodia, Laos and Afghan-

ignore these problems"

the report the document will out of at least 15 known have been reluctant in the past to make a public issue of some the damage this could cause the various rounds of arms control

> However, now that the three main negotiations - Start (strategic weapons), INF (medium-range weapons) and NBFR (conventional forces) - have all come to a halt; the Administration seems less concerned about the potential fallout that may be caused by openly pointing a finger at Moscow.

In a recent speech Mr Kenneth Adelman, Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, said: "We cannot - and will not - ignore these problems (Soviet violations). If we are serious about arms control, we must be serious about compliance with arms control commitments and about effective verification for arms control proposals."

Air raid by S Africa 'hit school'

Lisbon (AP) - The Angolan Defence Ministry said yesterday that South African aircraft had killed "dozens of civilians" and destroyed an hospital and a school in an eight-hour bombing raid on Sunday against an Angolan town.
The Ministry, in a statement

carried by the official Angolan news agency ANGOP and monitored here, said South African Mirage an Buccaneer aircraft began bombing the town of Caiundo in the southern province of Kuando-Kubango 90 miles north of the Namibian border about 9am local time on Sunday.

It said South African Mirage aircraft attacked Angolan military positions near the town of Mullondo in the southern province of Huila on Saturday, "killing seveal people" and destroying military equipent.

The statement repeated ear-lier claims that South African armed forces regularly launch attacks up to 186 miles inside Angolan territory

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Peugeot plant workers vow to resist cuts

Paris (Reuter) - Workers at the French Peugeot car firm's strike-hit Talbot plant vowed yesterday to resist a compro-mise on redundancies worked out at the weekend by the Government and the management of the loss-making com-

wrath of some provincial Tories Trade union sources said the workers were discussing strategy to oppose a plan to cut 1,905 jobs from the staff of 17,000 at The key to the legislation is a provision giving the federal Government authority to with-hold \$Can 1 in Medicare the Talbot factory at Poissy, west of Paris. This would be payments to the provinces for 1.000 fewer lay-offs than had every \$Can 1 the provinces originally planned by permit in extra charges to

Mayerling prince 'murdered by French agents'

Austria's Crown Prince Rudolf, long thought to have committed suicide with his lover, was murdered by French agents, according to Habsburg family papers published for the first time in Vienna yesterday. Prince Rudolf died in mysterious circumstances with his lover, 17-year-old Maria Vetsera in a hunting lodge at Mayerling in 1889. The official announcement that it was suicide shocked the devoutly Catholic Austrian court, and

been a source of speculation Earlier this year, Austria's last Empress, the 91-year-old Zita, announced that decu-

the young couple's death has

ments, proving that Prince Rudolf was murdered, would be published in a new biography of her husband, the Emperor Karl, who died in Madeira in

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

These documents include a letter from Rudolf to an uncle describing how Georges Clemenceau, later Prime Minister of France, had arged the Crown rince to stage a coup so that Austria could escape its ties with imperial Germany and ioin an alliance with France. Although Prince Rudolf was

notoriously francophile, despis-

ing Prussian militarism and

Austria's increasing depen-

dence on Berlin, he refused,

with the result that Clemen-

cean, so the letter threatened to kill him. With this letter is the first Vienna police report on the affair. This refers to "unmis-

takeable evidence that the Crown Prince struggled with Both documents, the Empress claims, were kept secret to prevent the truth of Prince Rudolf's francophile feelings

from upsetting Austro-German relations. But their publication yesterday was greeted with scepticism by many Austrians, several of whom expressed disbelief. "This is our Hitler's

Diaries", said one count,

himself a veteran of a dragoon regiment decimated on the Russian front in 1915. Several historians speculated

on the possibility that the Empress is attempting to remove the stain of suicide in rder to facilitate her husband's zation. For some years the Vatican has been investigating the Emperor Karls life with a view to proclaiming him

But members of the Habsburg family in Austria forcefully denied this yesterday, saying that the Empress merely wanted to shatter the Mayer-ling myth and end the stream of sentimental clichés it had concluding article from Beirut, Robert Fisk finds that kindness and hospitality still exist alongside the horror

The Lebanese are always talking about ? the need to get away from their despair, and at first you wonder why they don't travel into the mountains.

True, the old watering holes of Bhamdoun and Aley are battlefields, but it is not difficult to find an excuse. to go further north. There are US missiles at Aqoura, according to a leftist newspaper, so we drive off in the early afternoon, turning up from the Mediterranean and climbing into the Sierras where the air turns cold and the road becomes a frozen, muddy track.

Along precipices by the snowline the Lagloug mountains appear on our left then twist round and return mischievditch, there is an entire Roman temple, the guttering off its roof, the handcarved tablet of an Aurelian legion lying on its side. A Lebanese soldier offers us coffee in a damp tent he will be wearing an American marine uniform soon - all his men will - and he says it makes them feel confident.

We climb higher where the air gets rarer past Phoenician caves in the frost. There are no missiles. But then. there in the clouds on a plateau, we almost drive into s squadron of heavy tanks, hulls down in the mud, barrels pointing through the fog towards us, Lebanese troops across the road, rifles at the ready. How do you escape from

It happens all the time, this sudden contrast of light and darkness. It is June, 1982. The Israelis are advancing up the Arqoub and the incoming shells are vibrating through the ground, but when we stop to ask a man the name of his village, his young wife runs out and asks us into their home for coffee good, kind people who demonstrate how strong are the ties of hospitality and generosity, even at moments of great danger. We sit in the darkened front room, staring at each other, listening to the shells slamming into the ground, smelling the cordite. How could such people allow Lebanon to

She complained my clothes smelt of death

Months later, further north, we are driving through the Bekaa, (rpt. Bekaa), turn a corner and there are hooded gunmen across the road. Nothing is so concentrating to the mind as the sight of a man in a hood. Executioners wear hoods. One of them comes to the car window. His hood is a large glossy red bag with an open zip

say and he wants to know the politics camp three hours after the massacre, of The Times. He starts a discussion, right there on the open road in his bood with his gun in his hand, on the ethics of press freedom. When I tell him the pen is mightier than the sword,

Escaping from the human zoo of hatred



Two little girls watch as palls of black smoke rise above a bombed petrol depot in Trivoli

he smiles. I know he is smiling because help, though there are those who. Then someone breaks the pattern and through the slits I can see his eyes narrow slightly. We can go.

calculated moment when a country self-destructs and produces something quite dreadful amid the mundane and the beautiful. How does one otherwise account for a visit to Baalbek to meet Hussein Moussawi, whom the Americans suspect planned the October

A Lebanese who knows the road well claims that travelling from Baalbek to Beirut is like going from the jungle to the zoo. He's right. There was a man who turned up with a coffee stall "British journalist," I hear myself outside the Chatila Palestinian refugee knowing that those who had to bury the dead would be thirsty. Fifty pence a cup. Hard times.

suspect it may be their parents who need assistance. We all suffer from bad To the Lebanese now, this sort of dreams. After Chatila, I woke up thing is the presentiment of fear, that convinced there were corpses stacked on my bed. In the morning Ayesha, my cleaning lady, who once protested about the din of shellfire while washing and out the window.

> came into the country so blithely and. Itsaac's chair. at such cost in human suffering in the Do the armies of Lebanon possess summer of 1982. The darkness is any poets to catalogue their journey closing over the Israelis, too, in down their long, profound dull tunnel? Lebanon, and their fear is also palpable Perhaps we meet them. We are in the

A series reporting on research

a soldier becomes a human.

sitting on a office swivel chair atop a bank of earth, but he walks over to our car because he sees a colleague and his child in the back seat. The little girl is about the din of shellfire while washing seven and is mesmerized by the my floor, complained that I had been soldier's side. The Israeli leans into the in the camps so long my clothes smelt car and shakes her hand. "My name is of death. In a nightmare once, a jet . Itsaac, he says, and you can tell he flew right through my bedroom wall. wants to be smiled at We wish each and out the window.

other safe home. Long after the Israelis Most troubling of all are the retreated out of Damour Itsaac's chair unanswered questions. Nothing quite remained perched on the earth emlike Lebanon has ever happened bankment. Now, when we are driving before. Perhaps none realize this more . up the road through shellfire, we know painfully now then the army which we are halfway to safety when we see. them Now it is not so easy.

They say that the children of Beirut on the cold roads to the south, Chouf foothills and come across an need more and more psychological unsmiling, waiting to be attacked. Israeli armoured unit bivouacked

beside an olive grove. The officer shouts at us to go away, but one of the soldiers is very young he has a big, open face full of friendliness and asks the girl travelling with me to take his photograph as he sits on his armoured vehicle. She does and he gives us his vehicle. She does and he gives us an address, but when we later develop the picture it comes out a curious sepia brown and the young man's hairstyle looks strangely old-fashioned, his armoured personnel carrier, a relic of Cambrai rather than Lebanon 15 this really the young man we met? We send the photograph off to Israel and wonder if he is alive.

Is it only Lebanon that can turn Clausewitz on his head and make diplomacy the logical extension of war, a country in which political dialogue is a possible, though not probable, outcome of bloodshed, in which a group of bored, largely old men can meet at last in Geneva and conclude only that their country is Arab (then disagree afterwards)?

Each day now, a ship, a converted British Rail ferry called the "Earl Citrine", steams past nily-window for Cyprus, butting into the winter storms off the Corniche. In the old days it carried the Lebanese who merely wanted to escape the war while the airport was closed. Now it is carrying many of them away forever, families who never want to see their country again, who have given up all hope.

There are more portents of a titanic upheaval

From the boat, you can just see the old Crusader castle at Byblos, one of the oldest inhabited towns on earth where we still go on Sundays to sit in the Roman and Phoenician ruins. It is a glowering autumn day and the rains. have washed away the mud above the Byblos rocks. From the soft earth, we are pulling fractured pieces of old Greek jars with dark painting round the lips, and small bits of mosaic of delicate greens and whites and light reds. And then these is one distant burst of gunfire from far to the southeast, from the Meta hills or the Chouf, and even the old curator who is

watching us firms away The instant cannot be analysed it is like that mornion in The Cherry Orchard when Madame Ranevsky and distant breaking sound as if a cable in a mineshaft has snapped. You expenfrequently in Lebanon these days, portents of some titanic upheaval yet

> Tomorrow The making of. bestseller

moreover.. Miles Kington

Vintage words of 1983

Like everyone else, we've been asking personalities of 1983 to name their

Lord Dacre of History: I was tremendously impressed by Attila the Hun's personal journals, published privately somewhere in ader of genius, he was also a fine writer and linguist, as the diaries are written an perfect English on W. H. Smith reporter's note pads, which are not previously known to have existed at his time. Thrilling extraordinary stuff, and I am privileged to have been able to see them, if only for two

I have also seen a book called Good Times, Bad Times, which relates such weird events concerning such far-fetched people that I am bound to conclude it is almost certainly a crude fake. Thrilling stuff, all the same.

General Galtieri: My favourite reading has been the Annals of the Argentine Law Society (Vol XVII: Courts Martial). What a tale of injustice, of martyrdom, of wrongs unrighted! My only criticism of the book is that there is no mention of my own forthcoming court martial, which of course I shall be reporting exclusively for Moreover. So, stand aside, St Joan Move over, Edith Cavell! I also very much enjoyed the memoirs of Sir Harold Evans, whose junta fell at about the same time as

Dr Sir Roy Strong, VA and bar: I was absolutely bowled over by the first book of photographs by Prince William, probably the best of the current crop of royal photographers. Of course, the Royal Family have always had tremendously talented male figurest Have you seen the Albert show yet? Breathtaking. Do come along You'll easily get in. Any trouble, and just mention my name. just mention my name

Oh, and I thoroughly enjoyed Harry Evans's latest thriller, Murdoch Most Foul. Geoff Boycott, taking to Rene McGrit; Stimmed. That is how I felt when I heard the news. The unbelievable news that shocked a nation. The news that I, who had served Yorkshire man and boy for over 1,000 years, was being dropped like an old sock that the dog no longer wants.

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Jan Areassa

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As my mind slowly took in the unimaginable, I thought of the other great inisunderstood heroes of our time. I thought of the books I had enjoyed so much this year by Peter Hall. General Galtieri, Desmond Wikox and others, and I feit I was not alone. I also enjoyed Harold Evan's account of life at the top, 250,000: Innings Declared.

Lord Peter Hall of the National: I have had ence these moments more and more I no time this year except for the writing and quently in Lebanon these days, reading of my own diaries, but my rents of some titanic upheaval yet reading of this epic work encompasses one. In the past, we dismissed and vision of this epic work encompasses and vision of this epic work encompasses work of art except perhaps Seberg, for which seats are still available. Curiously enough they both share a central figure, martyred and misunderstood by inferior forces. I wonder if my diaries would make a good musical? Well, stranger things have happened. Especially at the National.

I have also enjoyed Nurse Harold Evan's autobiography, Journalism Is Not Engugh.

Sir John Betjeman: Goodness, what a startling query! Which new volumes have I read? Well, these days I get quite weary And I spend my time in bed Ever since one Frank Delaney Came to see me at my trouse.

A smiley chan, not very brainy.

Much more frust charm than sous. Treated me just like a chat show, Went away and wrote a book
With a spap of me, quite macho,
On the cover, if you hook
Well, I'd better recommend it If he needs a few space bob. So buy it for yourself, or send it
Through the post to Uncle Rob.
That is alf, Lthink - good heavens!
One huge book I can't forget.
Written by a chap called Evans.
But I've not began it yet.

Home front handicap

War is too important a subject to be left to the military historians, and so social-history research continues to concentrate on the impact war has on society. The Social History Society conference in Sheffield in

Dr Clive Emsley, of the Open cause of women's suffrage, retarded

University, is using the model of Britain and France during the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars - arguably the first example of "total war" - to dispute this idea of the "participation by social change: women getting the vote, and increased job opportunities, for example, after the First World War.

Dr Emsley joins the growing band of historians like Martin Pugh at Newcastle and David Englander society conference in Shemed in the New Year takes "War and Society" as its theme. Two of the plenary sessions will be taken up with the effects of "total war" - that is, war in which participation is not limited to those soldiers fighting, but involves the entire civilian population.

Dr Clive Emsley, of the Open and Politics: the Experience of Servicemen in Two World Wars, which Macmillan are bringing out in the spring, who are sceptical of the participation-reward equation, are inclined to think that the First World War, far from advancing the

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FINDINGS

Social History it, and in general believe that the Poor Bloody Infantry remain the

nineteenth-cen-

Cottage industry



tury artisan's cottage, belonging to Ruskin College, Oxford, houses the new History Workshop Centre for Social History, It is an appropriate home for such a venture: History Workshop was launched at Ruskin College in 1967

to encourage working men and women from the labour and trade union movement to engage in research and construct their own history and, atthough the movement has broadened its compass since the encourage of the property and appairtular the encourage has a particular. then, its research has a particular emphasis on the experience of labour history, local history and oral history.
The Centre, which will organize

seminars and research projects throughout the country, and will also work with centres abroad such as the Ecole des Hautes Etudes in as the Ector des Planck Institute, Gottingen, and the Raggioneri Institute in Florence, will have the same aims as the History Workshop has always had: to eliminate the divisions between the "production" and "consumption" of history, to widen the scope and direction of history leaching in schools, to act as a social history research centre for part-time historians and local groups, and to associate scholars and researchers in collaborative

Its researchers will continue the preoccupation with the history of gender division, family and home, and the Centre intends to become a focus for the study of the history cultures that go to make up Britain.

Cartoon catalogue

A grant from the Leverhulme Trust has enabled the Centre for the Study of Cartoon and Caricature at the University of Kent to begin the considerable task of indexing and cataloguing the cartoons of that creator both of "Josn Bull" the new, modern woman of the 1920s,



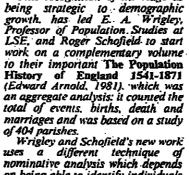
Empire spirit, the choleric Colonel Blimp, David Low. The Centre, set up 10 years ago, now houses more than 60,000 original drawings of cartoons published in the twentieth century, and the curator and Research Fellow, Jim Schoff, believes that it is not only political cartoons which are valuable sources for the assumptions of their age. Consequently the Centre has holdings not only of the work of such explanations. such cartoonists as Vicky, Strube and Will Dyson, but also representatives of the social comments contained in Carol Day, the Flutters. Flook - and, of course, Andy Capp.

Marriage factor



Historians used to assume that population growth in Europe was the result of rising birth rates and falling death rates. Naw, however, it is recog-

nized that the principal control on population growth has seen changes in the institution of marriage.
Unlike birth and death, the decision to marry was always sensitive to social and economic changes for in Western Europe, marriage and



This recognition of marriage as

on being able to identify individuals in family reconstruction. Using the parish registers of some 20 parishes from 1538, when such records were first kept, until the mid-nineteenth conting when the consus started to century when the census started to schedule individual households, the authors have selected places which represent as wide a spectrum as possible. They are studying remote, upland agricultural parishes, where the economy was being transformed by proto-industrialisation, and also small market towns, to trace changes in the institution of marriage in the early modern

Patient's view

This winter, in a series of seminars convened by Dr Roy Porter, the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine has been looking at the from the sixteenth to the nine century from the point of view of the patient and sufferer rather than from the viewpoint of doctors and specialists. Contributors drew their evidence from Puritan diaries like those of Pepys and Ralph Josselin. from tracts on medical care, adverts for patent medicine and from reconstructions of the lay rituals of



experience of disease and illness





Scottish tenement

Living space

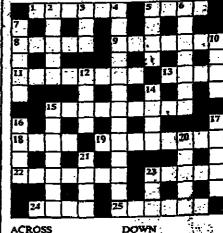
Why does housing vary from region to region? Why were self-contained houses or cottages or terraces built in England and Wales whereas the pattern in Edinburgh and Glasgow was tenements? And what was the effect of this? These are the sort of questions social historians are asking as they turn their attention to housing - traditionally the preserve of the economic or architectural historian - in an attempt to get away from the view that housing is simply an invest-ment in bricks and mortar.

Martin Daunton, in his book on working-class housing (1983) and John Barnett, in his research, see houses as the containers of social life and consider the articulation of space within them: the strict segregation in the nineteenth century upper- and middle-class houses between adults, children and servants, and the reintegration of this space in the twentieth century. David Englander charts the social conflicts that arises from housing in his book Landlords and Tenants in Urban Britain, 1838-1918 (1983).



Doctors dissect a corpse: a Hogarth drawing

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Navy suede slippers with gold imperial print by Jean Muir for Men, approx. 243 from Campus Group, Oxford, Nottingham, Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow; John Catton, Glastonbury. Socks Liberty.

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Mustard wool chunky sweater 242, check scarf 25.50, rubber studded gloves 25. All from Paul Smith, 43/44 Floral Street WC2, Nottingham. Irish tweed hat £19.50 from Grey Flannel, 7 Chiltern Street, W1. Tweed trousers £29.95 Sprint, Long Acre. Fashion by CHRISTINE PAINELL. Hair by Gary at Molton Brown. Photographs by RUSSELL MALKIN.



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Waist not want not... burgundy lizard skin belt, also black, £65 from Alfred Dunhill,

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Square face . . Gucci's name round the face of a gold plated quartz watch with white, black or champagne face £195 from 27-Old Bond Street W1.

Sock it to him ... cotton and

Reed, Regent Street and

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Wolf in sheep's clothing...
stone grey ribbed Jacob's wool
sweater £33.95 from Moss Bros,
Covent Garden and branches. Order of the bath ... Givenchy's blue and white cotton quilted wrap towelling lined £85 from Harrods. Low dives . . . Porsche's Ocean watch in iridescent titanium, waterproof up to 2,000 metres. Price £1,200 from the Porsche shop at Harvey Nichols.

CHIC Cutting a dash . . . Hilditch and Key's cut-away collars on neat flag-bright red, white and blue striped shirts, from £29.95. Extra cover ... marbelized handle on the Aramis umbrella free with two or more fragrance: purchases. From Aramis counters at Debenhams, Harrods, Selfridges. Bow peep ... traditional foulard silk bow tie £25.50 and matching bandkerchief, both from Alfred Dunbill Ltd, 30 Duke Street, Saint James's. Getting ahead with a hat . . . trilbies and toppers, bowlers

and mobster hats, all from Moss Bros, Covent Garden.

£10 from Paul Smith, 43/44 Floral Street, 23 Avery Row W1 and 10 Byard Lane, Nottingham.

New geometry ... Pringle's bright graphic patterned sweaters £39 from the sports lepartment at Austin Reed. Spots before the thighs . . . Crolla's pink and white spotted boxer shorts, from a selection of fancy pants £11 from Crolla, 35 Dover Street W1. Heart on your feet ... hand-

knitted socks scattered with hearts in fondant colours £12. Multi-patterned Missoni socks £15. Both from Browns, 27 South Molton Street, Close shave . . . Gillette's stylish stainless steel and black Contour razor £1.20. Paisley prints . . . silk and wool

scarves £16.95 and matching bow ties £6.50 by Comfort. Armani silk twill scarves £39.50. Both from Liberty.

Hair-raising ... Molton Brown's seaweed setting lotion £3.15 for 300ml from Molton Brown, 58 South Molton Street.

FUN Christmas stockings ... red cotton socks with Xmas tree motif from a selection of fantasy socks, £11 from Crolla, 35 Dover Street W1.

Boxing clever ... Johnny Lamb's fantasy patterned boxer shorts, including dots, flowers and patchwork, £16 from Brown's Man's shop. Back to front . . . reversible

leather belts from £9.50, school boy stripes £4.95 from Jaeger. Poster paint bright . . . fringed lambswool scarf in 42 colours from fuschia to cobalt £19.50 from Harrods.

Night stripes . . . Liberty print fine striped tana lawn night shirt £33 from Liberty, Regent Street W1. in red, blue, yellow and black £18.95 from Austin Reed, Regent Street and branches. Holly and ivy . . . canvas and pigskin red and green striped belt £45 from Gucci, 27 Old Bond Street W1.

Little black dressing . . . Anne Tyrrell's evening collection in Harrods After Six department is produced by Konald Joyce.

SHOPPERS' DIARY

Anne Beckwith-Smith, Lady in Waiting to the Princess of Wales, was reconnoitoring the jewels at the opening of Hennell's new Bond Street shop on Tuesday.

The glamorous young Duke of Westminster unveiled the stunning collection of jewels which included sapphires as big as the Ritz-a copy of a flower diamond necklace made by Hennell's for actress Joan Crawford in the 1930s.

More discreet (and defi-nitely more regal) was a diamond necklace that once belonged to Empress Eugénie

and a drop pearl and dia-mond Russian tiara that attracted the enthusiasm of several of the guests including Lord Lichfield's wife Leonora and Anthony Andrews.

Over in Fulham on Monday, I bumped into Princess Michael of Kent doing her Christmas shopping for another kind of jewelry at Rutler and Wilson. The princess in mauve tweed trimmed with lilac fur, was drawn to earrings of the same colour - part of the delicious collection of paste that twinkles in this Aladdin's cave of fashion jewelry.

We're not allowed to tell you anything about Winston cigarettes, so here's a couple of stocking fillers.



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THE TIMES **DIARY**

It has been a motif of Provisional

IRA propaganda for several years

now that "one bomb in London is

ment barracks in Aldershot in 1972

and continues, around 80 deaths

later, with a car bomb in Knights-

It is the pattern of IRA activity over those years that provides the

bombing was "not authorized" by

the Provisionals' army council. Although it is tempting to dismiss

the statement as an attempt to

its political ambitions from the

likely to be a more significant

The IRA's leaders are frequently described as "mindless psychopaths" in the aftermath of such an

atrocity. If anything, they are the

opposite: calculating men carefully and deliberately pursuing a policy

which they reckon will be the best

way of ensuring that they achieve their objectives. Although the

Provisional IRA was born amid the

chaos and violence of the early

"Troubles", it has now evolved a

sophisticated and long-term strategy which envisages a varying combi-nation of political and armed pressure to persuade British poli-

ticians to disengage from Northern

of the new "political" direction taken by the Provisionals in the

wake of their election successes north of the border and even

rumours of a split between the political and military wings, revealed by the Harrods bomb. The

Provisionals see no contrast or

Their strategy moves flexibly - and

not without internal disagreement -

between both approaches. Few

senior Provisionals, if any, believe

that politics can replace "physical force". As one once put it: "We will

be bombing and shooting until the

It is the IRA's central purpose to

ink is dry on the treaty document."

make Britain surrender its con-nexion with Northern Ireland. Every

other motive it may claim or that

may be claimed on its behalf,

ranging from the physical protection

of the Catholic population to the establishment of an all-Ireland

socialist republic, is subsidiary to

The rate and type of violence is

therefore judged against how effec-tive it is supposed to be in changing

minds. To date, the only public

converts to withdrawal have been

the Daily Mirror, Mr James

There has been much discussion

bridge on Saturday.

disavowal than that.

For David read David

David Steel has not been able to find the time to address the Liberal candidates' annual conference at Trinity College, Oxford next month. After Steel turned down the invitation, Alan Watson, chairman of the Liberal Candidates' Association and the party's president elect, asked David Owen, who accepted with his usual alacrity. However it doesn't look as if Owen is planning a takeover. Last Friday he spent £96.95 in Hatchards of Piccadilly on a selection of books including William Manchester's One Shining Moment, two copies of A Social History of England by Asa Briggs and four of Nigel Calder's 1984 and After. He deliberated hard and long over a biography of Lloyd George but left without buying it.

Sacrifice for art

The Royal College of Art receives more than £30,000 a year from charging applicants an "adminis-tration fee" at £20 each to apply for post-graduate courses. Similar appli-cations to the Courtaulds Institute are free. The RCA says that, unlike the Courtauld, it has to pay "heavy postage for returning portfolios out of London". The £20 fee is not returnable if you fail to gain a place; neither is the £2 charge for the

Off-target

A plan to twin with a local authority in Russia or another Eastern bloc country has been approved by Kirklees Council, West Yorkshire. The idea, originating from the council's peace committee, is not universally appreciated. The Conservative group leader. John Holt, has said that if the council wanted to make a gesture to communist Europe it should twin with a town which, like Huddersfield, Kirklees biggest town, had been declared a nuclear-free zone. However, the Soviet bloc doesn't seem to contain

BARRY FANTONI



"I'm collecting for unwanted cabbage Patch dolls this Christmas."

Not to be missed

Eileen Fairweather, this year's winner of the Catherine Pakenham Award, intends to break with tradition when she receives her prize at lunchtime today. Instead of a modest "Thank you", Ms Fairweather says she is going to make a speech attacking sexist attitudes in Fleet Street. A case in point, she thinks, was the front-page treatment given to the Brighton boy who was sexually assaulted - "when a girl is attacked it seldom results in so much sympathy and offers of presents". Her own winning article was a piece on king's Cross prostitutes, which appeared in New Society. "It's not often", she says "that a feminist is able to address a captive Fleet Street audience, but I hope to make my case in a reasonably charming and witty

Mullin it over

In the readers' letters column of the current issue of Tribune, the editor, Chris Mullin, is angrily attacked for refusing to publish an article by Sarah Roclofs on a meeting between Sinn Fein and Labour Party women. One of several reproving letters carries 23 signatories. This is rough on Mullin, who insists that he didn't even commission the article in the first place: "I only discussed it."

CEGERTINE

 Oxford University Press has sent out a Christmas card with greetings in 22 languages. The Hebrew

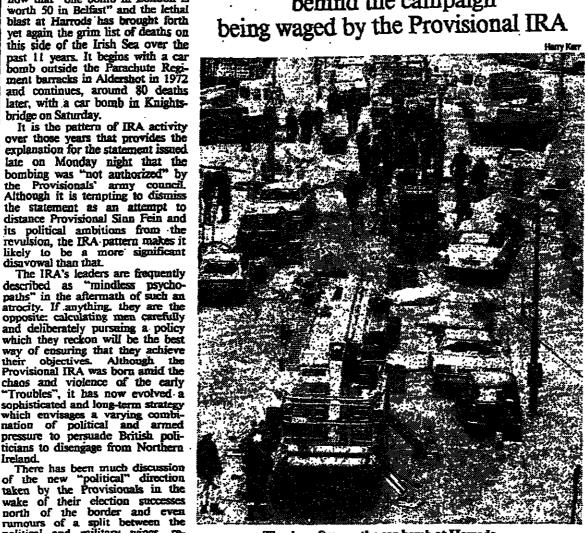
One-nil

Throughout his 13-year career in the House of Commons, Eric Moonman, the former Labour MP for Basildon, never saw his name on an early day motion. Now that he is chairman of Islington health authority, the situation has changed: Jeremy Corbyn, Labour MP for Islington North, mentioned Moonman by name in an early day motion that is highly critical of the authority. Moonman thinks the absurdity of these motions is plumbing new depths.

A recent one put down by an MP for debate congratulated the winners of a football match. Someone should look at the cost of printing this sort of thing", says Moonman.
"It seems to me that if we're not careful, early day motions could be used as a substitute for a congratulatory telegram service."

The bombers' blueprint

George Brock looks at the real aims behind the campaign being waged by the Provisional IRA



The day after . . . the car bomb at Harrods

Callaghan i (who advocated an independent Northern Ireland in 1981), most groupings to the left of the Labour Party and a minority of delegates to the Liberal Party annual assembly.

Some Provisional killings have turned out to be "counter-productive" even by their own criteria most obviously the Birmingham pub bombings of 1974, in which 24 people died. Public opinion appeared to stiffen against any concession towards republican objectives and the attacks were followed by the introduction of the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

The Provisionals have since developed the technique of the slow, relentless squeeze. In 1979, their spokesmen were talking of a politico-military campaign which would last 20 years or longer. This summer, one of them revised the estimate by saying that "we are not so sure that it will take that long

now". Bombings and shootings happen at a rate which will gradually accumulate disillusion and the close of options other than withdrawal. For the Provisionals who direct. however vaguely, the sequence of attacks, this means only enough violence to remind people that they have not gone away

It is a curiously cautions strategy, producing a haphazard and atten ated series of outrages. It relies for its effect on the passage of time. It is important for the Provisionals not to precipitate any kind of reaction or climax that will make their squeeze harder to operate. It is in their interest to make Northen Ireland 'ungovernable" but not to start a full-scale civit war. Too many bombs detonated too frequently in London would provoke too much government interest and activity in Northen Ireland - a change which might not necessarily

within the overall strategy. The Provisionals have established, and maintain, an effective veto on constructive political movement inside the province, its commanders are careful not to let the rate of violence fall below that minimum which signals to the world that life remains abnormal. The occasional killing of unionist politicians such as Robert Bradford and Edgar Graham ensure that their surviving colleagues cannot do or say anything which might be vulnerable to the charge of appeasement. Members of the security forces

There are several tactical strands

and particularly local men and women, are assassinated at a steady rate. Such murders are intended to keep up the pressure on the unionist community, to discourage recruits from joining the security forces and to drive Protestants out of border areas. The news of the latest killing was almost obliterated by events in London: a part-time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment was shot dead in front of his 10-year-old son at Maghera, County Londondery, early on Saturday evening.

The campaign in mainland Britain is aimed at politicians who, it is hoped, will one day tire of paying the human and economic price of staying in Ireland, After the peak of 1974-5, which included the Birmingham and M62 bombs and the string of attacks carried out by the men eventually cornered at Balcombe Street, there was little Provisional activity between 1976 and 1981 (assuming that Airey Neave was killed by the INLA, who do not follow the dictates of Provisional strategy.)

The present phase of bombings began two years ago, shortly after the end of the hunger strike, with the remote-controlled bomb aimed at a coachload of Irish Guardsmen. Bombings are effective morale-boosters among the IRA rank-and-file and its leadership may have seen a need to make stronger gestures to their own followers after the hunger strike ended.

The role of bombs such as the one at Harrods within IRA strategy remains most accuratley described by an annymous spokesman for the organization interviewed last summer by the Dublin magazine Magill.
"Our activity in Britain at any given time is dictated by our ability to strike there. It is still a target because we believe one bomb in Britain is worth 50 in Ireland. However, we do not intend to hold the British people responsible for their government's crimes in Ireland. Any attacks will be limited to the British political establishment and to military targets. And if there was a big growth in anti-war feeling in Britain we would have to revise our

Roger Scruton

Laying down the law

The English legal system is rooted in common law, and decisions made by judges have led to an accumulated weight of tacit legislation which Parliament could overthrow only by destroying the basis of its own legislative competence. Some regret this fact, arguing that judges, since they are not elected representatives, ought not to make law, Others welcome it, arguing that judges, because they are not elected representatives, are competent to make law. No man becomes a judge merely by standing at the hustings and shricking out his identity with a political party. To become a judge you need to know the law, and to have acquired long experience of its application in the concrete circumstances of human conflict. To become a member of the House of Commons you need no qualifi-cations whatsoever.

At the same time, no judge can take the overarching, long-term view of things which we expect (and occasionally receive) from Parliaoptimistic as irrational to wish (with Professor Hayek) that all laws should issue slowly and piecemeal. from repeated applications of judicial reasoning. Although modern statutes are often hastily drafted, crudely debated, and ignorantly understood, it would be absurd to try to govern a modern society without a powerful legislative body able to dictate statutes to the courts.

But the dangers are obvious. How is Parliament to be controlled, and by whom? It is not enough to say: by the electorate. The electorate has a narrow choice between two or three major contenders, and is hardly likely to vote a government out of office for just this or that piece of legislative nonsense. Besides, by the time of an election, the damage may be done. Habits form quickly in politics and, as the history of industrial legislation displays, rights once granted to powerful bodies cannot easily be removed.

The obvious answer is that Parliament must be responsive to judicial criticism. One of the major virtues of the House of Lords is that it contains the highest judges in the land, who may influence the upper house to reject ill-considered legislation, or to introduce appropriate amendments. But valuable as this influence has been, it cannot suffice to correct the major defect of the House of Commons, which is its tendency to neglect the detail of human conflict in order to achieve a synthetic perspective, often guided more by ideology than by a concern for truth. The real test of law is in the courts, in confrontation with the human reality. Hence Parliament must listen to criticism, such as was offered on December 6 by the Court of Appeal in its judgment of the Dimbleby case. It was persuasively argued that the 1982 Employment Act contains a serious intellectual flaw which, properly exploited by management, would deprive unions of a power that they ought to have the power to carry on a dispute with an employer who has tried to slip out of it by changing his les

Given the importance of judges in determining the character and conduct of our political process, how should a judge be educated? It is a wise principle of English law that High Court judges should be chosen, not from the ranks of solicitors, whose long-standing personal relation with their clients must inscitably conflict with the chiefs must inevitably conflict with the objective responsibility towards the law, but from the ranks of barristers, whose duty is to put the law on trial before the facts of human conflict, by making the best possible case for a particular judgment. And it is a further wise principle of our law though one that is constantly threatened - that the two legal professions should be kept as far apart as is compatible with their constant need to copperate.

The problem is therefore sub-sumed within another; how should a barrister be educated? I do not mean after qualifying, when experience is his master, but before qualifying during the years when he acquires his "formal education." There has been a tendency in recent years for the Bar Council, and its educational arm, the Council for Legal Education, to believe that the main ingredient in a barrister's education should be law. In 1981, therefore following the report of the Ormrod Committee, it was decreed that nobody should read for the Bar who has not obtained either a degree in law, or the diploma in law offered by the City University and the Polytechnic of Central London as a postgraduate qualification. After all if a degree in law is worth anything it is to a barrister, and what better qualification could he have? This short-sighted view neglects

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the prime fact, which is that the education of the barrister is also the education of the judge. Common law judges are legislators, with a refined and far-reaching political function, who must be able to perceive both the deadness of dead legislation, and the vitality of new legal solutions. Our common law owes its strength to the creative genius of judges who, by obeying their own doctrines and principles have generally proved more com-petent to untie the knots of human conflict than has Parliament. The greatest recent example of this creative genius - Lord Denning did not read law at university, and displays in his judgments the broad education and culture which, by helping him to enter imaginatively into the conflict before him, have given substance and direction to his strikingly novel interpretations of

the law. How then should a barrister be educated? He needs imaginative understanding, literary competence, and common sense - gifts which some have thought to be acquired through study of the classics, some through the "practical criticism" of the Leavisites, some through philosophy, some through history, but none, so far as I know, through law.

Philip Jacobson on Washington's growing difficulties in El Salvador

Will the death squads kill off US policy?

important in Washington that Vice-President George Bush was sent to El Salvador to deliver it in person. a better place for all citizens. He chose the moment carefully - a state banquet in his honour. As officers listened with varying degrees of outrage, Mr Bush warned quite explicitly that US aid to their hardpressed government is now seriously endangered by its utter failure to clamp down on the country's right-

wing death squads. When the American Ambassador to El Salvador said much the same thing in public about a year ago, he was swiftly censured by the White House and subsequently lost his job. Mr Bush went out of his way at the banquet and a press conference which followed to stress that his biting attacks on the extreme right had prior approval and full support President Reagan. What's more, the Vice-President declared: "It isn't just the President or me or Congress. If these death-squad murders continue, you'll lose the support of the American people, and that would indeed be a tragedy."

In abandoning its previous largely fruitless policy of "quiet diplomacy", the US has publicly shifted responsibility for rounding up the killers and the men behind them squarely on to the Salvadoran authorities. As the new American Ambassador, Thomas Pickering, told local businessmen the other day: "We are certain that these individuals are as well known to the security forces as they are to us who have been in the country only a

Officials at the American Em-bassy are busily leaking detailed information about particularly notorious police and army officers to foreign journalists. Mr Bush has also promised that the Reagan Administration will hunt down vengeful Salvadorans who finance death-squad operations from luxurious

Better late than never. Yet at the very moment when Washington is flexing its diplomatic and financial muscle in support of human rights in El Salvador, President Reagan has quietly killed off a law which provided the US with its strongest card in dealing with the Salvadoran authorities. Late last month he vetoed a Bill which would have renewed the Administration's obligation to certify to Congress every six months that the Salvadoran regime was doing enough to improve human rights to qualify for further military and economic aid.

Like his predecessors, Reagan guards presidential prerogatives jealously: he was known to consider the certification process too confining. But there had been no indication that he was preparing to torpedo it completely. The State Department certainly regarded certification as a useful, if limited, lever against the wilder fringes of the Salvadoran military. At the very least, it symbolized America's wish to help the defenceless ordinary people who provide the overwhelming majority of death-squad victims. It also provided encouragement for those Salvadoran officials and

soldiers who are struggling - often at much-feared Major José Ricardo

The jubilation with which news of in El Salvador suggests that they see it as acknowledging that the US will never abandon its dient govern-ment however bloodstained. Diplomatic sources there believe that Ambassador Pickering was in favour of maintaining the certification process: only a few days earlier, he had denounced the death squads as fascists serving the communist

This episode can only reinforce the growing impression that the Reagan Administration is now floundering badly in El Salvador. The President, in particular, seems unable to decide his main objectives. In one recent speech to a group of schoolchildren in the US he suggested that some of the corpses which turn up daily in parking lots and ditches are actually victims of Salvador's left-wing guerrillas, seek-ing to undermine American support for the regime.

The guerrillas certainly have murdered government officials, local militiamen, occasionally rightwing politicians. But there is no hard evidence whatsoever to support Mr Reagan's theory, while virtually every Salvadoran - and every US diplomat in the country - acknowl-edges the direct involvement of the security forces. Some of the key figures in the

death squads have already been identified in US newspapers: the

grave risk to themselves - to make Pozo of the Treasury Police; the their poverty-stricken little country intelligence chief of the national police; a provincial army comthe President's veto was received by to exist between known extremists head of the Salvadoran constituent assembly and the far right's likely candidate in presidential elections next March. It is no secret that the Americans believe d'Aubuisson is closely involved with the murder squads: for that very reason, he was recently refused a visa for a trip to

What could the President have been trying to achieve by his dismissive remarks about death squads? State Department officials dealing with El Salvador were aghast at the undermining of their new tough line on the death squads. The Washington Post accused Reagan of "going a long way toward giving the killer right a free hand and relieving the Salvadoran ammorities of any thing about their deeds".

A moderate Salvadoran politician considered that the middle ground, already fearfully risky territory, was certain to become even more dangerous. With US military advisers in despair at the failure of the Salvadoran army to contain the guerrillas on the bartlefield and the crucial presidential vote barely three months off, it is becoming increasingly difficult to discern any coherent policy in Washington Meanwhile, the bad news for Mr

Reagan rolls in Last week, the Salvadoran assembly finally approved an article for the country's new constitution which effectively

land reform. It was a triumph for the assembly's right-wing coalition. which has bitterly opposed US mander. Clear links are also known to exist between known extremists bution of farmland to the poor. It intimidation by the death squads. The political debate was accompanied by a ruthless assault on agricultural trade unionists and members of collective farms.

> Nine members of one small commune (two of them pregnant women) were kidnapped, tortured and strangled the night before I was due to meet them. Their broken bodies turned up by another cooperative farm, a grim and unmistakable warning. They were exactly the sort of people whose votes are going to be crucial for the election of the moderate Christian Democrat's presidential candidate, the respected José Napoleon Duarte.

All Salvadorans understand even if some resent it - that sustained pressure from the US offers the only hope of stopping the slaughter of innocent civilians. Duarte acknowledged as much during a speech in Washington last week in which he praised the US for sharpening its public criticism of the death squads. There is a chance that killings will increase during the election campaign", he warned.
"The rightists will do all they can to discourage democracy."

Brave men like this, at the shan end of US policies in El Salvador, have a right to expect consistent and unambiguous Support Washington.

William Safire

Man with a cargo of influence

This is the story of connexion. No hint of wrong-doing intended, just a demonstration of how a billionaire capitalist shipowner - who is also an adviser to the government of China - can gain frequent access to, and perhaps influence, a total stranger who is elected president of the United States.

Fleeing Shanghai when communists took over in 1949, Yue-Kong Pao started a small trading company in Hongkong, bought an old coal-burning ship, and in 30 years built his stake and his genius for making connexions into a shipping empire to rival that of any Greek or Texan.

On the way he picked up a knighthood, transferred his political interest from capitalist Taipei to communist Peking, and was seen two years ago as a takeover threat by lardine Matheson, the Hongkong business and property empire familiar to readers of James Clavell's novels. When Ronald Reagan became

president, Sir Y. K. Pao applied his connexion genius. The trick was to cultivate Michael Deaver, the presidential aide who controlled Mr Reagan's diary. Pao obtained an invitation to the inauguration ceremony - an easy matter for one of the world's wealthiest men - and arranged an introduction to Deaver. Soon after, Deaver found himself at a Washington dinner party with Sir Y. K. as a fellow guest. They met socially, Deaver recalls now, as if the social occasion had not been arranged for the purpose of furthering their relationship.
On June 12, 1981 - the same day

that the secretary of state, Mr Alexander Haig, arrived in Peking -Deaver ushered Pao into the Oval Office to meet President Reagan. The meeting lasted three of four minutes, Deaver now recalls, minimizing its significance, and he remember the subject dis-

Reached by telephone in Hongkong. Pao recalls that the meeting lasted about 20 minutes. To a president whose lifelong support of the Chinese Nationalist government in Taiwan was a worry to the People's Republic, Pao the gobetween remembers pointing out the need for closer relations between Washington and Peking, During the meeting, Pao the businessman could not resist asking if Mrs Reagan would launch one of his ships. On September 16 1982, soon after

Reagan's turnaround on arms aid to Taiwan, Y. K. Pao was one of the guests at the White House state

dinner honouring President Marcos of the Philippines. That was the toughest ticket in town, but Deaver delivered. On March 3 1983, at the dinner for the Queen in San Francisco, Y. K. Pao was there again.

On July 12 1983, Sir Y. K. was again in the Oval Office, According to Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, this was merely a handshake and a photograph, which is also how Deaver characterizes the visit. But Pao was reported by the Far East Economic Review months earlier to have a large picture in his reception room of himself shaking hands with the President. He acknowledges this and replies in a courteous if pozzied manner - why all this detail? - that this visit to Reagan also lasted about 20 minutes, and concerned Metico.

Deaver's largesse with access to

the President has not gone unreciprocated. As advance agent for Reagan's Asian trip last month, Deaver twice visited Honkong this year, once to scout it as a potential stop (lunch with Pao) and after Hongkong was removed from Reagan's itinerary, for a lavish harbour cruise with 30 guests aboard Y. K's yacht. Wasn't it somewhat presump

tuous for a White House aide to take Reagan's reserve jumbo with 25 passengers plus crew to Hongkong for a dinner party? "It was on the way", says Deaver, who was going from Manila to Tokyo. In fact, it was 702 miles out of the way. "Frankly, I stopped in Hongkong to rest myself. We did some pretty hard work, and you've got to have some place to stop and rest before you go

An extra stop is not rest, but fun. costly to the taxpayer. For Y. K. Pao, whom Deaver credits with being the first to suggest that Reagan visit China - though that has yet to materialize - it was another great gain of prestige to have a presiden-tial jet come to his city for the sole purpose of its passengers cruising about on his yacht.

What does the story of this connexion teach us? Because both Sir Y. K., who may one day be governor of Hongkong, and Deaver, who may one day finish writing his diet cookbook, returned my calls,

this essay has a benign tone. This lesson is not merely that this is still a world where a poor man can make a billion dollars. Beyond that, he can reach out to hobnob with and perhaps influence the highest and the mightiest, if he has a genius for making connexions.

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PRICE FOR THE JOB

A standard minimum wage, whether established by trade union agreement or official regulation, is a restrictive practice. Unless it is unenforced or ineffective through being set below the competitive market clearing rate, it results in the withholding of labour from that part of the economy which is subject to wage regulation. It denies jobs to these who seek employment in that sector, while reinforcing a contrived monopoly, or at leas: a scarcity of labour in it, to the advantage of those already hoding jobs there. The cost of this restrictive practice falls also on consumers unless they car turn to competitive products from factories which escape the restriction on wages - an opportunity which is not often available. It falls much more heavily, of course, on people who are excluded from seeking work in those sectors, though their decisions are seldom taten seriously into account. It is official DHSS policy, for instance, explicitly to discourage the unemployed from accepting employment at wages below hose set by collective agreement. They are thus officially dissuaded from pricing themselves into jobs; and the people in Britain who thus suffer most from this restrictive practice, shown up increasingly in the malysis of the unemployed, are he young, the black and the

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Regulated minimum wages apply to more than 70 per cent of Bitain's working population, while statutory wage councils set minimum wages for about another 15 per cent. There is also evidence that in some unanionized activities wages in practice are often linked to those set by trade unions or wage

The major increase in unemployment in Britain cannot be understood without reference to these rigidities, to which trade union action has contributed both directly - through the closed shop and other restrictive aspects of wage bargaining - and indirectly through the influence it has had on government policies. Official attitudes to unemployment seldom take account of the element of wages in considering its alleviation, or how to cope with the poverty trap and the influence on employment of an over-rigid system of benefits.

In Britain over the past ten years there has been both a rise in real hourly earnings and a rise in unemployment, though the connexion between these two is important and urgent economic either forgotten or wilfully overlooked. In the United States, by he put clearly later on in his contrast, employment has expanded by 17 per cent in the same period, while real wages have fallen, pricing more people into jobs, mostly in the service

Japan's election has vindicated

Mr Nakasone in one respect: he

did not want to go to the polls

because he knew he would

emerge weaker. The result has

proved him right. He will

but his Liberal Democratic Party

has lost many seats and he

himself has suffered a personal

much more difficult time in

on grimly until the parliamen-

tary term came to its proper end

in June, by which time the

economy might have improved,

but he was hemmed in by

pressure for an early poll. The'

opposition was boycotting Par-

liament in protest against the

refusal of Mr Tanaka, "god-father" of the Liberal Demo-

crats, to resign after being found

guilty of taking bribes from Lockhed while Prime Minister

in the 970s. Mr Tanaka himself

wanted an election in the hope

that it would vindicate him.

Other factions among the Liberal

Democrats also wanted one

because they hoped to gain at the

Perhaps he should have held

goveriment from now on.

sector. At last the moral appears to be getting through to the Government.

It started with Mr Lawson's recent paper to the NEDC, which, by indicating that growth in employment can be expected to predominate in the services. signalled an official end to the long-term obsession with the protection of manufacturing as the source of jobs and economic strength. That obsession held sway in the face of the secular trend in all developing economies away from manufacturing towards service industries and market service employment. The obsession, however, was not satisfied simply by subsidizing manufacturing as a means of easing the social pain of the economic transition to a more service-based economy. It re-flected an abiding political belief - against all the evidence - that manufacturing was and should remain, the Holy Grail of

Yesterday the Department of Employment published a re-search paper which proclaimed as though in surprise - that the chances of young people finding work are affected by the level of pay they receive compared to adults. It followed a discussion paper from the National Institute of Economic and Social Research published in August which put its finger more firmly on the sore point of youth employment and training by revealing that British apprentices earn roughly three times as much relative to adult workers as do apprentices in Germany and Switzerland (60 per cent of adult wages in Britain, 20 per cent in Germany and Switzerland).

economic strength.

That distortion, said the authors, stemmed primarily from market imperfections caused by paying wages in excess of their market clearing level. It arose from minimum wage and social security legislation, public sentiment about what young people should be paid (though how that affected the attitudes of wage bargainers was not clear) and the exercise of monopoly bargaining power on the part of trade unions.

Here we come back to the trade unions and Mr Leon Brittan's speech on the closed shop delivered last weekend. The headlines concentrated on his statement that the closed shop, is itself, however enforced, a flagrant and fundamental denial of individual liberties. That is certainly a sound position of principle. But there is an equally reason for dismantling it, which speech.

· "It has killed existing jobs and prevented new ones from being created. Those who use the closed shop to impose their own price

on their own labour do so at the expense of the profits needed for tomorrow's investment and tomorrow's jobs. And they do so, too, at the expense of all those who might otherwise be em-ployed if the rigid wage structures and restrictive practices which such unions enforce did not apply. That is why there is nothing fraternal about the closed

By November 1984, the trade unions will be required to submit their closed shop arrangements to a ballot among employees, with an 80 per cent minimum requirement. Under the Employment Act 1982 these ballots can be held earlier at the Secretary of State's discretion. The Government is said to be taking stock of that possibility. It should expedite the decision to advance the ballot to an earlier date.

Action on the wages councils should follow soon after, since in 1985 Britain will be able to denounce the ILO Convention which under a 10-year rule covers them. The Government has already recognized how these wages councils tend to price young people out of jobs and says that it is reviewing the matter. An early decision in 1985, should be followed by legislation.

The main legal privileges of the trade unions are derived from legislation in the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century when the conditions of the poor were the major topic of debate and it was widely held that the rich were somehow responsible for that condition. It was thought necessary to rectify the balance of power by extending the authority and immunity of collective action by workers in trade unions. By now it must be clear that the coercive and disruptive power of the closed shop, and the economic rigidities which ensue from it, have more than redressed that balance to the disadvantage of the unemployed and to the national economy as a

In two other countries the effects and implications of wage regulation in adversely discriminating against people's employment opportunities have been clearly recognized for many years - the United States and South Africa. Their wage restrictions militate against black employment. How ironic it is, here in Britain, to listen to the arguments against rising unemployment particularly among the young and the blacks without any recognition from those trade unionists who are loudest in their condemnation of unemployment at the bottom end of the scale that the unions themselves are the principal architects of a system of wage restriction which makes that unemployment worse.

HOW NOW MR NAKASONE?

was true.

Ironically, Mr Tanaka, the cause of all the trouble, was returned by a landslide in his probably remain Prime Minister own district, but this does not mean that the election vindicated him or that his stand was a help to the Liberal Democratic blow from coming second in his Party, to which he used to belong. It seems to have been more the result of local loyalty home district. He will have a and publicity than a reflection of national support. This interpretation is supported by the success of the "Clean Party", which increased its seats from 34 to 58. In addition many traditional supporters of the Liberal Democrats sat on their hands, indicating that they are also unhappy about the way their party has been behaving and tired of elections. Turnout was

unusually low at 68 per cent. The opposition probably made more gains from the vulnerability of the government on other issues. Superficially the economy looks in quite good shape. Industrial production is up; inflation has almost disappeared; there is a large trade surplus; unemployment is static

feeling that effective government at about 2.8 per cent and had become impossible, which expected to fall. However, foreign countries, especially the United States, are putting up harriers, and domestic consumption has been slow to rise, which has aroused fears that the exportled recovery could fade away. There is a feeling that Mr Nakasone's government has had too little grip on economic

> In foreign affairs Mr Nakasone's strong stand on defence may have cost him some votes. Certainly conclusions will be drawn by other politicians from the fact that his setback came so soon after receiving top level visits from the United States, China, West Germany and Canada. By putting Japan's international credibility on the line as an election issue when he knew he was likely to lose ground Mr Nakasone invited some dents in that credibility. The result will be a weaker and more cautious Japanese Government, more sensitive to opposition, more hamstrung internal wrangles and less flexible in international negotiations, especially on trade. Mr Nakasone is not the only one

expense of Mr Nakasone's fac-tion. So Mr Nakasone gave in, depletions, much less a "strong" Status of whales

From the Chairman of Greenpeace International Sir, I refer to Woodrow Wyatt's review of Whales; A Celebration, edited by G. Gatenby (Books, December 8) in which he takes the opportunity to criticise the activities of Greenpeace 16 protect the great hunted to near extinction.

Would that his optimistic assessment of the status of whales worldwide was true! Unfortunately, he seems to firaw his conclusions from sources anknown to those who for years have been closely involved in the scientific study of cetaceans.

There are no reliable population estimates for the ten major species", nor is there any evidence, with the exception of one or two particular stocks, that the whales are making any kind of recovery from

Sir Woodrow Wyatt's portrayal of the International Whaling Commission's record also suffers from inaccuracies. Under the jurisdiction of the commission we have seen population after population of whales, and even entire species such as the blue and humpback whales,

Protection by the commission has often come only after the fact. In the case of the blue whale, for example, IWC did not provide protection until the fishery had collapsed

We must again question Sir Woodrow Wyatt's knowledge of cetacean matters when he speaks of the "white Bowhead whale". There is no such thing; bowheads are black. The reviewer has undoubtedly confused the white whale (or beluga) hunt, which is not regulated by the IWC, with the Bowhead hunt. The regulations of tuna fishing in North America to which Sir Woodrow Wyatt refers have been weakened by well-financed industry initiatives. Tuna fishermen are free to kill even fully protected species of dolphins since these are not counted against their quota. Last year they reported a kill of more than the

that Greenpeace actions have never been of any danger to anyone except Greenpeace members and then only when whalers fire harpoons over

Yours faithfully, Greenpeace International. 25-26 High Street, East Sussex

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

in housing finance are needed.

ROBERT KAHN, Director, Catholic Housing Aid Society, 1892 Old Brompton Road, SW5.

From the Secretary of the Housing

Sir, Charles McKean's article in today's Times (December 15), "Why

the home front is heading for collapse", is a welcome addition to

the evidence for action which the

Housing Centre Trust has been

advocating over recent years and set out in our publication. Rescuing our Housing (1981).

The Housing Centre feels that repairs to the deteriorating housing stock, pre and post-1919, rank among the most pressing problems facing the country today and that

sooner or later it will have to be

acknowledged that the Government

must spend our money (taxes) on rescuing as many as possible of the

In the majority of cases the occupiers' own incomes and savings

are totally inadequate to meet the costs of repairs/replacements made

necessary by the passage of time or

There is no ready precedent to guide us. We have never before had

such a scale as this legacy from the housebuilding bulges of the nineteeth century and the two post-war periods of the twentieth.

More detailed research is needed.

New thinking is required. We hope that Mr McKean's warning will

spark a productive public debate.

Secretary, Housing Centre Trust,

poor initial workmanship or both.

Yours sincerely,

Centre Trust

homes at risk.

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From Mr Andrew Ross

Sir, As a concerned patriot I find myself thoroughly dismayed by the Government's continuing bluster over the price Britain should be expected to pay in order to remain a leading member of the European Economic Community.

I understand, of course, that our national spirit, along with our industrial base, has decayed alarmingly in recent years, but it is surely pretty desperate when we cannot despite massive windfall revenues from North Sea oil, find a few hundred million pounds to stake our claim to a leading role in shaping the political future of Western Europe. The continuing health of the EEC

is no less important to British interests than the continuing health of Nato. If we have really lost faith in the EEC then we should, as a corollary, have doubts about the role of our forces in Germany. I suggest we back the EEC with more zest.

ANDREW ROSS, 182 Old Woking Road, Surrey, December 15.

From Mr Christopher Vajda Sir, Whatever one may think of the purpose behind the European Parliament's decision to freeze the Community Budget rebate to Britain and Germany, one is treading on very dangerous ground in suggesting that, failing a solution by March, Britain should withhold part of its contribution to the Community Budget (as The Times leader of December 16 appears to be suggest-

ing).
The legality of what the European Parliament has done can be tested before the European Court of Justice. It is, however, quite another matter unilaterally to withhold money that is lawfully due to the Community. There cannot be one law for her Majesty's Government and another law for the NGA.

Yours sincerely, CHRISTOPHER VAJDA, Avenue de Tervueren, 27, 1040 Brussels,

December 16

US and terrorists

From Mr Melvyn Westlake

Sir, It is surely quite remarkable how little condemnation has been expressed by Western leaders over the training arming and bankrolling by the United States of terrorists intent on overturning the Sandinista government in Nicaragua. It is particularly surprising that the Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, has felt compelled to condemn such action, in the light of her known abhorrence of international terrorism. No single act of foreign policy

not even the invasion of Grenada has so manifestly undermined United States' claims to the moral high ground in international affairs and, by association, the claims of its allies. With what credibility can

President Reagan or Mrs Thatcher now revile the IRA, the PLO, The Red Brigades or any other terrorist group and their alleged backers, like Libya? Western policy in the international field has indeed sunk to a low level. yours sincerely, MELVYN WESTLAKE.

The Orchard, Rhoda Road North, Thundersley, Essex. December 8.

Sir Oswald and Jews

From the President of The Board of Deputies of British Jews

Sir, The allegation that Jewish attacks on Mosley were the cause of his antisemitism is like the suggestion that those who attack Satan are the cause of sin.

My father was member of Parliament for Whitechapel and St Georges from 1931 to 1935. He constantly warned of the immediate and eventual effects of fascism, whether in its British or German or any other form. Certainly British Jewry fought Mosleyite fascism

from its inception and whether or not they themselves were the immediate target.

A National Front leader once tackled me: "Why don't you Jews leave us alone?" he asked. "If you did, we wouldn't have to be antisemitic. We're busy enough dealing with the blacks!"

Plus ça change . . . Yours faithfully, GREVILLE JANNER, President. The Board of Deputies of British Jews, Woburn House,

Upper Woburn Place, WC1. December 15.

Backing EEC with Home front on the point of collapse? recognize that fundamental changes

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From the Director of the Catholic Housing Aid Society

Sir.' Charles McKean's frightening comments on housing policy (fea-ture, December 15) raise the spectre of a nation "with a growing rate of mortgage failures, houses collapsing in the streets, and with people on waiting lists having no prospect of being rehoused in their lifetime".

Unfortunately, he is correct. The present emphasis on home ownership is no solution for the millions who lack the money to buy. Nor do present policies provide less well-off home owners with adequate help with repair costs.

Cuts in public investment in housing have hit improvement grants for owner-occupiers as well as council-housing building. As the article points out, the owner-occupied sector now includes the majority of unfit houses and those in need of major repair. A significant increase in public investment will be needed to halt the deterioration of our housing stock in both the public

At the root of the problem, however, is the fact that owners are given no assistance with routine repairs, so that minor problems build up into major ones. Mortgage tax relief is both a patently unfair subsidy and an inefficient one. It gives inadequae help to those home buyers who need it, and unnecessar help to those who do not. It should be scrapped and replaced with a system of housing allowances which directs help where it is most needed.

If the Government seriously intend to avert the bleak scenario Charles McKean depicts they must

Sir, A grim reminder of the necessity

for a new initiative in governmental

policy towards Northern Ireland has

been the assassination of Dr Edgar Graham in the grounds of Queen's University in Belfast. Last month (November 14) The Times pub-

lished a letter from another member

of the university. Professor Corn-

elius O'Leary, deploring the fact that a new initiative in Northern Ireland

seemed low in governmental pri-

Is it not possible to revive the

proposals contained in the Govern-ment of Ireland Act of 1920, which

is still on the statute book and which

provided for two separate states of

Ireland, one in the south and one in

the north? Each would have its own

states would send representatives,

with the further provision that the

council could become an All-Ireland

Reviving Ireland Act

From Miss Hannah Quinn

33 Alfred place, WC1. Parliament should the member

MARJORIE S. CLEAVER.

states agree.
This Act was originally based on an Act giving home rule to the then Province of Ireland and was passed in 1914 and deferred, owing to the outbreak of World War I.

Lord O'Neill, one time Premier of Ireland, observed in his autobiography that only 25 per cent of this Act was put into effect by creating the Parliament of Stormont, which failed to give full civic rights to all Catholic citizens. A determined effort by all

Northern Ireland parties and Eire to be willing to participate in a revival of this Act with its inherent promise of Irish men working together for a common cause would lead to the peace and stability so desperately necessary in each state.

shoplifter and the shoplifter in a

state of confusion. There is no good

reason why the proprietors of a store

should be bound to admit to their

premises (including any branch in

the case of a chain store) persons

who have shown themselves dis-

posed to appropriate - whether

deliberately or through confusion -

goods without permission and who

seem likely to continue such

If proprietors of stores exchange

information regarding such persons

- especially organized groups of shoplifters - for the assistance of each other's security services, other

stores at risk may eventually be in a

position to seek the same remedy of

interdict (or in England, injunction). Perhaps such a solution would

satisfy both Baroness Phillips and

Civil action is, of course, also

available to recover property unlaw-fully appropriated or its value.

comparison between one school and

another let alone one school system and another. My objection to Cox and Marks, therefore, does not arise

Yours faithfully, governmental powers, but could also work together in an "All-Ireland Council" of Ireland to which both HANNAH QUINN, Crescent Cottage, 108 Marine Parade, Brighton, December 9.

activity.

Prosecution by stores From Professor Sir Thomas Smith,

OC, FRSE, FBA

Sir, I refer to the correspondence in your columns regarding prosecution of shoplisters by stores in England and in particular to the letters from Baroness Phillips (November 24) and from the Director of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (December 8).

In Scots law private prosecution is virtually never used and would almost certainly not be permitted in cases of theft from stores. However, proprietors of stores and shops in Scotland have found that recourse to the civil courts provides a more effective remedy.

If they seek and are granted interdict ("injunction" in terms of English law) against persons who resort to shoplifting, this effectively bars such persons, under sanction of the civil law, from entering again premises protected by the interdict.

The remedy can be made available both against the deliberate

Examination results

From Mr Max Morris Sir, It would be a pity if the

continuing argument around the validity of the Cox and Marks study strengthened the already widespread impression that the debate is about what kind of school system is best for Britain. It is about nothing of the sort. What is at issue is the superiority of one method or another of using statistics. In other words it is about statistical methodology, not education.

Examination results provide a limited amount of information about individual children in individual schools. Each child's results depend on a variety of complex circumstances and can only be usefully interpreted by those who know him. Each school is an institution peculiar to itself with its own educational lifestyle. Examination results in bulk provide no basis whatever for

from their statistics, perfect or flawed (about which argument will, as precedent shows, continue until the Greek Kalends) but from the quite erroneous conclusions they and their friends draw from them. Conclusions on whether the

Yours faithfully,

2 Scotland Street,

T. B. SMITH,

Edinburgh. December 9.

comprehensive is better than the selective system can only be soundly based on a study of the total service provided to the community by one or the other. Having worked as a headmaster in both systems I have no doubt that the better service, and by far, was provided by the comprehensive.

Yours etc, MAX MORRIS, (former Headmaster, Willesden High School), 44 Coolhurst Road, N8. December 8.

European elections

From Mr A. G. Mollett

Sir, The British electorate will be asked to vote on June 14 next year in the European Parliament elections. How many will actually exercise their right to determine who represents them in Strasbourg cannot be forecast, but I believe both the delay in setting the constituency boundaries and the continuation of the "first past the post" voting system for these elections will result in a derisory

The three boundary commissions - for England, Wales and Scotland - expect to publish their initial reports in mid-January for public reaction before submitting proposals to the Home Secretary by April. With the possibility of legal appeals there will continue to be uncertainty as to whether new boundaries will be fixed in time for the elections. Political parties and voters will

thus not know what the constituencies are until the actual election campaign, leaving little time for candidates to put across policies and to organise effective campaigns in the redrawn or maintained Euro-

The delay in setting the boundaries is, however, a minor problem compared with the distorted results which will almost certainly result from the present Government's insistence on maintaining the "first past the post" electoral system in 78 out of the 81 seats allocated to Britain.

If June's general election vote were to be repeated in next year's European election it would provide the Conservatives with 55 seats, Labour 22 and the Alliance one. The Conservatives, with 42 per cent of the vote, would obtain 71 per cent of the seats, while the Alliance, with 26 per cent of the vote, would, on the most optimistic forecast, be left with one representative out of 78.

I suspect a great number of the electorate will decide in such circumstances that a so-called democratic election has no relevance to themselves.

The final irony is that the Northern Irish will be entitled to elect their three Euro-MPs by an electoral system, based on the single transferable vote, producing a fair result. This system was introduced and

agreed by Westminster to ensure that the political views of the minority population in Northern Ireland were represented; surely it is time that mainland Britain's electorate is also able to be fairly represented in its various political opinions.

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY G. MOLLETT, 18 Lion Gate Gardens. Surrey. December 6.

Broken marriages and child ties

From Dr Mary Lund

Sir, I am writing in response to the Dean of Durham (December 6) who wanted information to confirm his intuition that two parents can contribute more than one to a child's development.

As he pointed out, there is indeed conflicting opinion and little fact about what benefits children when parents separate despite the numbers of children affected. However. two recently completed studies of children and divorce have begun to fill this gap in knowledge: one by Ann Mitchell at the Department of Social Administration, University of Edinburgh, and one by myself at the Child Care and Development

Group. University of Cambridge.

Both studies showed children's wish to have a continuing relationship with both parents after marriages end. There is no one universal, deleterious effect on children of their parents separation. Rather it is the way parents resolve matters concerning the children after they separate that may help or

burt them. If parents do not form some way of communicating which allows access without tension, or if one parent disappears completely from a child's life, then a child may suffer. Social problems at school and reduced academic performance can result. But if parents put their differences aside so they can communicate about the issues they have in common concerning the

children, the children will thrive. Parental cooperation, whether or not in marriage, is the key to children's healthy development. Surely, conciliation services for parents who are separating should be promoted to safeguard the wellbeing of the one child in five who now finds he will not grow up with both natural parents at home.

Sincerely, MARY LUND, University of Cambridge, Department of Paediatrics & Social and Political Sciences Committee, Child Care and Development

Group, Free School Lane, Cambridge.

Trident costs From Mr Humphrey Buckler

Sir, The news on your front page on December 14 that the cost of Trident would be increased by £1,375m due to the fall in the sterling-dollar exchange rate is hardly surprising. What is surprising is that the article makes no reference to any measures by the Government to minimise the impact of changes

in exchange rates. Using your figures, sterling is now worth 60 per cent of its dollar value at the time the Trident deal was negotiated. Thus the British tax-payer will either get less defence for his money or funds will have to be found from other sources - eg. education, health, social welfare or

rate support.

The rise in the value of sterling was the biggest commercial factor contributing to the Rolls-Royce crisis over RB211 contract. Rolls-Royce was bailed out by the Government and one would have hoped the lesson would have been

learned. A private exporter or importer having foreign exchange commit-ments will take every possible step to eliminate or reduce exchange risk. As taxpayers faced with this enormous bill we are entitled to know what steps the Government took to mitigate the exchange risk inherent in the Trident programme.

Yours faithfully, HUMPHREY BUCKLER, 46 Blackheath Park, SE3.

School performance From the General Secretary of the

Secondary Heads Association Sir, Your report of social trends in today's issue (December 9) shows very significant increases between 1970 and 1982 in the percentage of school pupils gaining O level passes, particularly in academically rigorous subjects, in numbers staying on to the sixth form, and in numbers going on to further and higher education.

The other significant increase during that time, of course, is in the percentage of those pupils attending comprehensive schools. Perhaps your columnists and leader writers could turn their attention to that. Yours faithfully,

T. P. SNAPE, General Secretary, The Secondary Heads Association, 29 Gordon Square, WC1.

Missing the bus

From Mr William Barrett Sir, May I suggest that your piece on vanishing buses (December 9) is altogether too gloomy? I realize that the comment of the general manager of Eastern Counties buses is special pleading, but why does he dismiss private operators and community buses as a foriorn hope?

Both systems are working in this part of Suffolk, where the population s probably as small and as scattered as around Swanton Morley. Is it perhaps possible that we can offer advice to our northern neighbours? Yours faithfully. WILLIAM BARRETT.

Pip's Peace. Kenton. Stowmarket,

Suffolk. December 12.

Uneminent and trivial

From Mr Ben Weinreb

Sir, But Mr Kingsley Amis's minicab driver (December 17) might possibly prefer to chat to the uneminent Mr Philip Oakes. I know I would. Yours faithfully,

BEN WEINREB, 16 Millfield Lane, No. December 17.

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20,500 allowed by quotas. Lastly, I would like to point out

D. McTAGGART, Chairman.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

Princess of Wales this afternoon visited Westminster Hospital and St.
Thomas's Hospital.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Club, at Fulham Old Town Hall on Major David Brombead were in February 10.

The Duke of Gloucester, as President, Institute of Advanced Motorists, will launch BP Oil's "Young Driver of the Year" competition at BP House, Victoria, London, on January 17.

The Dochess of Gloucester, as Patron, Asthma Research Council, will attend a research committee meeting at Cardiothoracic Institute, Fulham Road, London, on January

Forthcoming

marriages

Mr P. J. Riley and Mrs I. Chance

Mr J. M. C. Blackburne

and Miss F. M. Frazer

Dr E. T. Borrows

and Miss J. P. Laird

Mr R. T. Wheater and Miss W. A. Borrows

Mr M. Bouldite, RAF and Miss G. A. Green

Mr J. Bridge and Miss G. Fyffe

and Miss L. Burke

Mr R. J. Lohmeyer and Miss J. A. Hood

Bridge, Cornwall, and Georgina, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Fysie, of St Ninians, Stirling.

The engagement is announced between Bruce, eldest son of Mr and

Mrs D. B. L. Elliott, of Southampton Row, London, WCI, and

Louisa, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A Burke, of Barnes, London, SW13.

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs P. E. Lohmeyer, of Dartington, Devon, and Judith, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Hood, of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Captain N. A. D. F. Gordon-Creed and Miss M. E. Tuke

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and

Mr M. H. Lines and Miss S. L. Baird

The Duke of Gloucester will open the exhibition, Arab Architectmer Past and present, at the Royal Institute of British Architects, London, on January 23.

Margot Countess of Buckingham-shire wishes to thank all friends and relatives who sent kind and loving messages of sympathy at the time of her husband's death and wishes them a happy Christmas and New

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir John Francis Hedges will be held at the Church of St Mary-lc-More, Wallingford, on Thursday, December 29, at noon.

Southport, Lancashire, and Jacque-line, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Cooke, of Beckenham, Kent.

and Miss A. C. L. Sheppard

Dorset, and Sarah Louise, daughter of Vice-Admiral Sir Thomas and The engagement is announced between George, son of Mr and Mrs Alexander Napier, of New York, and Arabella, daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Sheppard, of Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire. Lady Baird, of Craigrethill, Symington, Ayrshire. The engagement is announced between Philip, eldest son of Mr and Mrs William Riley, of Berriew, Powys, and Idonea, eldest daughter of the late Sir Hugh Chance and Lady Chance, of Chwilog, Gwynedd.

The engagement is announced between Francis, eldest son of Mr

The engagement is announced between Peter Chiverall Smith, of Farnham Common, Buckingham-shire, and Viera Markham, of Midhurst, Sussex.

and Miss J. R. Crowe The engagement is announced between Hywell Thomas, of Engle-

field Green, and Joanna Crowe, of Thorpe, Surrey.

between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs W. E. Blackburne, of Barnsley, Yorkshire, and Fionna, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. M. Frazer, of Largs, Ayrshire.

The engagement is announced between Edward Borrows, of 6 Clarence Lodge, Middle Hill, Englefield Green, Surrey, and Jennie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W. H. Laird, of Heather Cottessa, Greenkill, Bullyment Mr and Mrs Arnold Wills, of Hale, Cheshire, and Catherine Martha, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Cecil Lewis, of Geneva, Switzerland.

Cottage, Gracehill, Ballymena, Northern Ireland. Colonel D. Beard

The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mr. M. Wheater, of Hongkong, and Mrs. M. Wheater, of Patcham, Brighton, and Wendy, only daughter of Dr. E. T. Borrows, of Clarence Lodge, Middle Hill, Engelfield Green. Mrs. Sven Hassowist, of Mr and Mrs. Sven Hassowist, of Mr. Mrs Christina Bergman, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sven Haggqvist, of Soto Grande, Spain.

Dr C. B. McShane The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr J. F. Boulding and the late Mrs D. Boulding, of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Gillian Anne. only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. T. Green, of Wroxham Gardens, Potters Bar.

Mr R. F. Masters and Dr C. M. Scott-Mencrieff

The marriage of Mr Richard Masters and Dr Christina Scott-Moncrieff took place in Glastonbury on December 16. The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. E. Dean, of Mylor

The marriage took place in Henley-on-Thames on December 13 between Mr Roger Pickering, son of Mr and Mrs Harold Pickering, and Miss Giannina Whalley, daughter of Captain and Mrs John Whalley.

Mr M. Wright and Mrs S. Stewart

and wirs S. Survar.

The marriage took place on Monday, December 19, followed by a service of blessing at Edensor Church, of Mr Michael Wright, of Park Ranger's House, Edensor, Bakewell, Derbyahire, and Mrs Susan Stewart (nee Perry), of 42 Cranley Mews, London, SW7.

Baronetcy title claim 20 years late, heraldic court told

A courtroom battle involving Al Capone's former jockey and a retired British Army colonel, who are desputing who is the rightful heir to the title Dunbar of Mochrum, began in Edinburgh yesterday.

The scene was the court of the Lord Lyon King of Arms, who rules on matters of nobility in Scotland. The court met for only the third time this century.

The Lord Lyon, Mr Malcolm Innes of Edingight, wore his robes of office, a scarlet runic, trimmed with gold braid. The present holder of the disputed title is French-born Sir Jean Ivor Dunbar, aged 65, of Long Island, New York.

Colonel William Dunbar, aged 90, of Herne Bay, Kent, is challenging him for the title. The men are second cousins

Sir Jean inherited the title in 1977 on the death of his father. who was also Colonel Dunbar's Colonel Dunbar says he was born to his father's second wife

while the first wife was still His parents had "married" in



Lord Lyon King of Arms

1890 not knowing the first wife was still alive, and went through a second ceremony in 1912 having discovered she had not died until 1910.

Colonel Dunbar claims that under the Legitimacy Act, 1959, he was made legitimate. Although it was an English Act he said he should also be regarded as legitimate in Scotland.

He claims he succeeded to the baronetcy in 1959 through the Act and that right still

Question time: The Prime Minister facing a different line of questioning yesterday when teenagers from 11 countries interviewed her at 10 Downing Street for the Thames

Television programme, CBTV, to be broadcast today.

Westminster Christmas Appeal

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent

were present at a reception and preview of the Christmas exhibition

last night at Sotheby's Bond Street
Galleries given by the Westminster
Christmas Appeal Trust. They were
received by the Chairman of the

Thompson; Mr and Mrs Peter Wilson, and Mrs Tessa Kilgour.

Luncheon

Reception

sent included:

baronetev. Sir Jean says Colonel Dunbar has been in a position to assert his legitimization and claim to was time barred, being 20 years late, he said. Sir Jean's right to the title had

been passed on to him by his father, he said. Also in 1978 Colonel Dunbar

said through his lawyers that he did not intend to take any action to assert the claim, Sir Jean said. He was as a result personally barred from proceedng wiith that claim.
Sir Crispin Agnew of Loch-

nan, an explorer, mountaineer and Unicorn Pursuivant at the the court of the Lord Lyon, said facts in the case had been proved so further proof was not necessary. He said Colonel Dunbar's

legitimation in England had already been recognized by the Lyon court.
Mr Bruce Kerr, for Sir Jean,

said facts had been accepted and the arguments would be

for Germid Powell. Mr and here John Uninten. Mr John Rithlet Mr and Mir-stration. Mr John Rithlet Mr and Mir-der State Mr Market Mr Mr Mr and Irradiand. Mr Robert Spourse Mr and Irradian Mr Spring Mr and Mr E. J Sympton. and Mrs Paris Walter and Mr and Mrs reach Willistense.

The Speaker and Mrs Bernard Weatherill held a dinner in

Speaker's House yesterday evening in honour of the Mayor and Freemen of Croydon. Those present

National Sporting Club

Service dinner

boxing dinner last night when the

Combined Services Boxing Associ-ation entertained members of the United States Marine Corps. Admiral Sir Peter Herbert was in

the Chair and Mr Kenneth Wolstenhohne, Secretary of the National Sporting Club, also spoke.

Combined Cadet Force
The Combined Cadet Force held its
annual officers' dinner last night at
the Imperial Hotel. The principal
guest was Lieutenant-General Sir
Edward Burgess Commander UK

Field Army. The Chairman was Lieutenaut-Colonel G. E. Pryke, CCF Contingent Commander of St Alban's School. Among those

Present Were;
General Sir Hugh Beach, Rear Admired J P
Batters, Major Constal R E J
Batters, Major Constal R D Spottswood,
Wright, Air Vice-Marshal J D Spottswood,
Wright, Air Vice-Marshal J D Spottswood,
Wright, C Lamb and Moler-General P C
Sharisand.

remains. He claims he had not based on the law. He said even resigned his right to the if Colonel Dunbar was legitimate under English law, he was still barred from any claim on

the title. Mr Kerr claimed the present the baronetcy since 1959, but baronet has an "unassailable has failed to do so. His claim right" to the title. "When someone becomes legitimated, that is the time to look to see whether that has any effect on any succession to a title."

If it did have an effect you then had to look to see if someone else had an unchallengeable right to the title.

"If you find that is the case, that is an end of the whole matter. What you do not do is wait until the person in whom the title is vested dies and then start all over again which is what Colonel Dunbar is doing here.'

He said it was clear Sir Adrian, Sir Jean's father, had an unchallengeable right to title when Colonel Dunbar became legitimate in England. It was also clear that Sir Jean

had an unchallengeable right to succeed Sir Adrian. The hearing was adjourned until today.

Sandhurst commissions

The following have been granted commissions and will join the regiments or corps shown against their names, having successfully completed the standard military course at the Royal Military Academy, Sandburst:

Academy, Sandhurs:

J A Allan, 14-20H. Ambieforth C. H. R.
Annai, Re. Maiden Erlegh Cormi: P. J.
Armstrone, REME, Welback C. P. A. Badley,
S. Sonais, Bassaley Cormy: A. E. Ball, R.A.
E. C. Belona, R. R. Barthell, Klore, Malvern

N. G. Bollon, R. A.C. Welback, C. H. Ipper S.
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N. G. Bollon, R. M. Welback, C. H. B. J.
Bucklimbam, R. P.C. Portsmouth Poly: J. R.
Bulofft, Queens, Canford: T. R. Burles,
J.S. 18H. Abingdon: A. W. Burton, R. A.C.
R. M. S. Cherneris, R. Harnes, Downiside, M. P.
G. E. Collin, R. M. M. S. C. D. Combandine, S.
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S. J. Fay. RCT. Reading Since Cost: D. C. Fleif, D. and D. Wellington: N. S. Fusier. M. J. Flaber. RAGC. Pocklington: N. S. Fusier. Staffords RAGC. Pocklington: N. S. Fusier. Staffords Radion. Reading Staffords. Reading Staffords. Reading Staffords. Reading Staffords. Reading Staffords. F. J. Greet. G. Cranleigh: N. J. Griffiths. R. Signals, Kim Edwards. S. S. R. Haines. RAGC. Welback. C. J. A. C. Hanbury. Coldin Gda. Elon. C. C. C. Hanbard. 140-51. Downsider. R. J. Herring. Radion. S. G. S. S. J. Helmost. Garth. R. Signals. Adams. G. S. S. J. Helmost. Garth. R. Signals. Adams. G. S. S. J. Helmost. Garth. R. Signals. Adams. G. S. S. J. Helmost. Garth. R. G. S. W. J. Howard. R. Andiellan, King Edward Vist. J. Huston. R.A. Ranelagh: D. J. Humler. 4-7 DC. Kings. C. D. A. C. Bhobison. 13-/18M Victoria C. S. G. Jenkins. RAOC. Illeid Comp. W. J. Moones, S. G. T. Arriodét. M. D. Jones.

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Lawson, D. and D., hybridge: S. R. Leec.

RAOC. Weibeck, C. E. W. C. R. Mackay,

REME. Weibeck, C. E. J. D. Martin, ORIH,

Radley C. J. D. Wartin, RCT. Norwich Kiln,

Rede, C. J. D. Wartin, REME. Pair Water.

Corns: P. Medron, RAPC, Westville Boop Hr.

J. I. Metville, Scots D.C. Clausimonni, B. G. Q.

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Kemp. RWF. Ellesmery, C. R. J. Milchell,

Winner of the sword of honour, Right,

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Winner of the sword of honour, Right,

Casterion Community, C. G.S. Morgan-Gren
ville, Coldin GDS. Elon, C. A. W. Morri,

REME. Cleradon Comur, A. D. Neale, RA.

Horpecharch, G. P. J. Oliver, ACC.

Northwood H. S. For Boys, M. T. O'Brien, RA.

Horpecharch, C. P. J. Oliver, ACC.

Northwood H. S. A. T. Powell, REME, Widston,

16/E. Radley, C. K. A. Pope, KOSS.

Churchill HS: A. T. Powell, REME, Widston,

16/19H. Bradford C. R. M. Strawbury, C.

S. Salisbury, REME. Heisby HS: P. M.

Shakespare, RA, Perrepoints J. J. Sheldon,

16/19H. Bradford C. R. M. Strain, REME,

Westwood St. Thourse, P. M. Smith, D. Ref.

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Westwood St. Thourse, P. Smith, C. C.

S. Salisbury, R. Ward-Thourse, R. J. M. S.

Sattcliffe, R. H. Upolnsham: R. S. Fenter, C. J. M. B.

Sattcliffe, R. H. Upolnsham: R. F. Terzoy, D.

and D. Newlangion C. C. L. T. Kleel, R. C.

Weillingkon C. J. C. G. Ward-Thourse, R. H. G//D.

Worth: R. N. Winnerton, 14/204, Rugby: D.

G. R. Wood, R. Signals, Forest G.

Memorial services Mr H. Gorell Barnes

A service of thanksgiving or the life of Mr Henry Gorell Barnes was held on Thursday, December 15 at Si Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. The Rev Basil Watson officiated and prayers were led by Canon Perceval Hayman. The lessons and the readings were given by Mr Michael Butt. Mr Norman Fowler. MP, and Mrs Susannah Best Mr Mr. and Mrs Susannan nest. Mr Christopher Reeves. Chief Execu-tive of Morgan Grenfell, gave an address. The St Lawrence Jewry Singers, accompanied by Mr John Scott, also took part. Among others present were:

Julian Agnew. Alison Winter.

Lord and Lady Catlo, bir G W and Lady Eve Mackinverth-Young, Mrs Reeves, and many friends and colleagues from Morgan Grenfell. Mr D W Alem, Mr N F Althaus, the Hon N Assheton, Mr C M Beddow, Lady Bernard. Ms Gertinan Best, Mr E F Bisjand, Sir Robin and Lady Brook, Ms Dians Butt. Dr and Bir Syng-Hall respression Sir Both and Lady Brook, Ms Dians Butt. Dr and Bir Syng-Hall respression for the Birthey of Family Therapy), Mr W Byrnes, Dr and Bir Syng-Hall respression. Dr A Copisarow, Mr J Diangas Hamilton, Mr W P Dwerryhouse. Sir Sidney and Lady Eburne. Mr R F. Ethi.

Mr R D Fulford, Mr A D A W Forbes, Mr R Farthert, Mrs T Fenwick, Mr Pabrick Cibert (respresenting the SPCAC). Sir Catlonia Copisarow, Mr J Dians H M I Haddon-Grant, Mr Peter Hall, Mr T Heazel, Mr C Heropy, Mr P Diff. Wood, Sir Denrick Holden-Brown, Mr and Mrs H M I Haddon-Grant, Mr Peter Hall, Mr T Heazel, Rr C Herows, Mr P A Lawson, Mr D Lloyd, Mr N McAndrew.

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Mr F. C. D. Parkinson
A memorial service for Mr

Prederick Parkinson was held yesterday at St Clement Danes, Strand, The Reverend R. C. Hubble officiated and Mr Ian Parkinson and Mr Malcolm Parkinson (sons) read the lessons. Mr John Frank gave the

Church news

priest-to-covere of the production.

The Rev C S Rushforth, vicer of Friskry, the Rev C S Rushforth, vicer of Friskry, the Rev C S Rushforth, vicer of Friskry, Spirit, Leicester, diocese of the Hoty Spirit, Leicester, diocese of

eignations and Retiress Rev G R Connock, rec ign and rouse you account of Alphington o Rev O S Eston, rector of Alphington risks of Emries, to makin in February digresse of Emeric, to resign in February 1984 to labe up a chaptainty of Sr Coorpe's, Barcelona, diocres of Europe, The Ren P C E Eleta, Vicar of Thauted, diocres of Chelmsford, to resign and retire on Assets.

OBITUARY BRIGADIER HUGH RICHARDS

Defender of Kohima

against the Japanese in the survival as the battle raged on.
Spring of 1944, died on By April 5 the garrison's

division for a fortnight. Hugh Upton Richards, who

was born in 1894, had served in France during the Second World War with the Worcester Regiment. Between the wars he commanded the Royal West African Frontier Force, commanding the 4th Bn Nigeria Regiment in 1933-34 and the Sierra Leone Battalion in 1939. He was also involved in the Palestine campaigns of 1936 and 1938.

From 1940 to 1944 he commanded the 3 (West African) Infantry Brigade being appointed CBE in 1943. It was as a colonel with a formdable reputation as a soldier that he vas selected to go to Kohima in March 1944.

The Japanese assault on Kohima was part of the plan to break through the Assamese mountains and possibly advance into the heart of India. Perceiving the nature of the Japanese threat, Lieutenant-General Scoones, the 4th Corps commander had ordered Richards to Kohima with orders to hold it at all costs on March 22. On April 4 the Japanese 31st Division invested the garrison and the battle began in earnest.

Though the position, a pass at over 4,000 ft in wild and almost uncharted country, was an ideal defensive one, the Japanese were in overwhelming strength numerically, and were better served by artillery. Furthermore the high mountains surrounding Kohima

Brigadier Hugh Richards, made it difficult to fly in CBE, DSO, who commanded supplies to the defenders, which the garrison which held Kohima became necessary to their

December 16 in Malta where he contact with its main iwater was living in retirement. He was supply had been cut by the 89. Together with their failure enemy and on the 7th Richards to capture imphal, their repulse ordered limited withdrawals at Kohima marked the begin- from the of his hillton posining of the ebb in Japanese tions. Some of the most fortunes in the Burmese theatre. desperae fighting even of a And though itself numbering campaig noted for its desperonly 1,500 men, the garrison at ate encounters, now took place.

Kohima made a considerable with fiere attacks and counter contribution to the Japanese attacks across the tennis court of the picturesque Kohima Clubthe efforts of a complete which had itself already been demolished by Japanese artillery fire. by April 11 the garrison was suffering acute. privation from shortage of water and the prospects for casualties were rendered the more miseralle when the dressing station was wrecked by: shellfire on the 17th.

Ammunition, loo, ran short and the defensive advantage of the position project a severe handicap to aircraft attempting to fly in supplies. Overtopped as: it was by higher mountains.
Kohima taxed to the limits the resources of relieving pilots who had to make a series of extremely sharp turnsland steep descents to get to their propring point. An error of only a few hundred yards meant that the Japanese became the relipients of supplies intended by the garrison which all to fre-quently happened during the

By the 18th Richards hose own deportment had bee an outstanding example to his troops, prepared his garriso to make its last stand. However within two days more a bright of the 2nd Division had broken through the Japanese lines and Richards and his troops, nowthe extremities of exhaustion had their ordeal terminated Further relieving forces now threatened the rear of the 31st division and the Japanese were driven off.

decisive battle Richards was awarded the DSO. He retired from the Army in 1947.

literature, especially the novel

he had joined the Bronte

steeped as he was in Bronte

lore, he occupied himself in

Society some years before. There were times when

MR DONALD HOPEWELL

Mr Donald Hopewell, who died on December 15 at the age of 92, was president of the Bronte Society from 1932 to 1974, and an authority on the Bronte family and its circle. He these studies to the exclusion of was also a member of the council of St Dunstans, and of almost everything else. He both wrote and spoke a great deal the committee of the National about the lives and work of the Institute for the Blind, and three sisters especially, and always warmly defended all the throughout his life a generous supporter of and worker for various blind institutions.

Donald Gardner Hopewell he belie was the son of a Nottingham justice. business man and for many years was chairman and managing director of the family firm of manufacturers, G. Hopewell Oundle and at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he graduated in 1913. He was never very strong, and the effects of illness and injury during First World also restored to the appearance War were always more of less

with him. It was no doubt for these reasons that, shortly after being admitted a solicitor in July. 1917, he retired to the country and became a member of the old Northern firm of Messrs Pearson and Pearson, of Kirkby Lonsdale, in Westmorland. Already interested in English

family against any theory that he believed to do them less than During his time as president of the Bronte Society efforts were made to extend the facilities available to reand Son. He was educated at searchers, by making manu-

scripts and other memorabilia more readily available for study. The parsonage at Haworth and its rooms were they had in the Brontes, day. Hopewell was awarded an honorary doctorate by Leeds University in 1969 for his services to literature.

Apart from that he was chiefly concerned with his work for the blind. He himself had poor sight for most of his life, and it grew worse with the years. He was unmarried.

CDR J. E. G. McKEE

Commander J. E. G. McKee. published earlier this year, an OBE, RN (retd), died suddenly at his home in Plymouth on December 2. Educated at He was also a prominent Naval Engineering College at Nautical Research for riany Keyham, Eric McKee served in years, contributing a number of the Royal Navy from 1939 to articles to its journal, the 1971 and during the war saw action in the Mediterranean and the Far East. On his retirement from the

Navy, when he was appointed OBE, he turned to the serious study of wooden boats, a lifelong interest which he had furthered by making himself a highly competent boat-builder during his spare time as a serving officer. This study led to his becoming a consultant to the National Maritime Museum in 1970, which awarded him a Caird Fellowship from 1973 to 1978. From this research came the

definitive work on the subject, Working Boats of Britain,

outstanding contribution to the record of our maritime history. Clifton College and the Royal member of the Society for years, contributing a number of Mariners Mirror. All who mew him were aware of his unfaling generosity with his knowledge. A keen and always meticu-

lously prepared sailor, McKee was well known as a member of the Royal Western Yacht Club and as a yacht measurer for the Royal Ocean Racing Club, He was charming and most gentle man invariably relaxed manner no matter what the pressure, and had a rare wit with a devastating way of pricking the bubbles of cant and pomposity. He is survived by his wife

Betty, and two sons and two

LT-COL LYNDALE URWICK H. Imrie Swainston writes:

May I add to your appreci-

ation of the outstanding contribution to education for management made by the late Lieutenant Colonel Lyndall Urwick? In the late 1920s, he was already vigorously proclaiming the need for a staff college for

industry on the lines of the existing staff colleges of the ighting services. His efforts were unremitting. In April 1942 four members of

he Milward group offered to help him in a campaign to further his ideas for such a college with sufficient money and students to give the project a fair chance of success. The live members of the group met every fortnight for three years as war raged. With added men of distinc-

tion, not least Geoffrey Hey-worth as the chairman of the Board of Governors, the Ad-

ministrative Staff College was opened by Mr Attlee the Prime Minister on the 16th April 1948, which in its turn proved to be the inspiration of many further Colleges in Great Britain and the Commonwealth.

It is not too much to say that the crusading spirit of Lyn Urwick over sixty years played a great part in this far reaching development, insufficiently recognised officially, but well perceived by those who knew

Major-General

Charles Moss King, CB, DSO. OBE, who died on December 16, served in the Far East in the Second World War, and was GOC Home Counties District and 44th Infantry Division (TA) from 1953 to 1956. His last post was Director of Quartering at the War Office. He was 79.



Mr R. J. McKendrick

The engagement is announced between Robert John, only son of Mr and Mrs R. G. McKendrick, of The engagement is announced between Mark Hendrey, son of Mr and Mrs Graeme Lines, of The Old Rectory, Winterborne Stickland.

Mr F. H. M. Reid and Miss M. L. Odgers

Malcolm Reid. of London, SW12, and the late Mrs Reid, and Mary, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Græme Odgers, of Eaton Constantine, Shropshire. The engagement is announced between Nicholas Gordon-Creed, oth Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles, eldest son of Lieumenant-Colonel G. A. Gordon-Creed, DSO, MC, of South Carolina, United States, and Mrs B. M. Jenks, of Excitation Machaelia.

Mr P. E. C. Smith and Miss V. C. Markham

Farringdon, Hampshire, and Eva, only daughter of Sir Anthony and Lady Tuke, of Wherwell, Hampshire. Mr H. Thomas

and Miss C. M. Lewis The engagement is announced between Roger David, elder son of

Marriages

The marriage between Dr Brian McShane and Mrs Virginia Harrison took place on December 19 at Chelsea Register Office.

Prime Minister The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of Mr John Dinners Sparrow. The other quests were: Mr Nigel Lawson. MP. Mr Q W Mackworth Young. Mr Ronald Dearing. Mr Norman Fayne, Mr Christopher Reves. Mr Graham MacKennie. Mr John Stuffard. Sir Robart Armstrong. Sir Konneth Stowe. Sir Cire Whitmer. Dr Robat Mchelen: and Mr

Miss Jenny Agutter, 31: Mr Paul Brickhill, 67: Sir George Cold-stream, QC, 76: Mr Charles Denton, 46: Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, 57: Sir John Lang, 87: Sir Clifford Naunton Morgan, 82: Mr W. J. O'Reilly, 78: Viscount Sandon, 61: Miss Peopled Teichnet, 67: Sir Dick Miss Rachel Trickett, 60: Sir Dick White, 77: Mr John Whitney, 53. Harrow School Winter Term at Harrow ended on December 14. MR R. G. Collins has

Birthdays today

between Bradbys (Mr A. W.D. Sankey) and West Acre (Mr D. J. The Torpid Finel was won by Organizing Committee and Mrs The Knoll (Mr S. L. Parsonson)

leave of absence for next term. The

Cock House Match was drawn

Latest appointments Latest appointments include:
Brigadier A. F. Mutch to be
Honorary Colonel Commandant
Royal Pioneer Corps from November 3.

Brigadier D. M. Roberts to be Director of Army Medicine and Consulting Physician to the Army in February and to be promoted to the rank of Major-General in April.

The following to be Deputy Lieutenents of Suffolk: Colonel J. P. Davey, The D. H. Erskine, Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. C. Probert, and Captain C. B. H. Wake-Walker, RN.

Altar appeal

A £5,000 appeal for an aftar at Peterborough Cathedral in memory of Dr Robert Stopford, formerly Bishop of Peterborough and, later, of London, is to be launched by the Dean of Peterborough. Dr Stopford died in 1976.

Middle Temple Lord Justice Ackner has been elected treasurer of the Middle Temple and Mr John Mills, QC, deputy treasurer.

£2.1m for research The British Heart Foundation's research funds committee has awarded a further 21 grants totalling £468,822 for research bringing the

total for the year to £2.1m. Knighthood for judge A knighthood has been conferred on Mr Justice Scott on his appointment as a Justice of the High Court of

surrounded by cool solid material that could be a

planetary system in the pro-

The discovery earlier this year of a "shell" of dust and

rocks orbiting the star Vega

excited astronomers because it was the first direct evidence of

solid objects around a star

other than our Sun, it was

widely interpreted as material

in the process of coalescing

cess of formation.

Latest wills Mr Philip Zec, of Primrose Hill, London, formerly for more than 20 years political cartoonist of the Daily Mirror, left estate valued at £63,026 pet. Mr Sebastian Earl, of Brompton,

London, a former managing director of Sciffidge's, and a distinguished carsman, left estate valued at £167,593 net Mr Francis Howard Steele, of Winchester, Hampshire, who was managing director of Sony Broad-cast, left £68,389 gross, £65,561 net. Mr Steele, who died in October,

was a former director of engineering for the Independent Broadcasting Authority and won a Montreux citation and the Royal Television Society's gold medal for his work on

television systems.

Sir David Edward O'Brien, 6th
Baronet, of Drogheda, co Meath,
left estate in England, Wales and the
Irish Republic valued at £79,791.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid): Davis, Mr Michael, of Twineham,

Hands, Mr Frank Reginald, bank official of Ferndown, Dorset £220,350 ilen, Mrs Mary Nellie, of lampton-in-Arden, West Midlands E402,577.

Barnes, Mr George Edward William, of Maddington, Shrewton.
Wittshire £408,384

Erskine, Mrs Jean Violet, of Felsham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk £402,577.

Jones, Mr Thomas Price, of Chiswick, London, dairyman £424,249 £887,249 £376,392

Gloncestershire
Ludlow, Mr George Rex, of
Weymouth, Dorset
£396,035
Roth, Mr Louis, of Poole, Dorset
£399,806 Pamphilon, Mr Bryan Alger, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire £347,482

Harpenden, Hertfordshire £347,482
Pritchard, Mrs Jennie, of Hendon,
London £356,394
Ramsay, Mrs Winifred Mary, of St
Albans, Hertfordshire £38,223
Thorpe, Mr Herbert Edward, of
Rye, East Sussex £218,839
Webster, Mrs Rhona, of Leyburn,
North Yorkshire £256,510
Wright, Mr Herbert Ezra, farmer, of
Wrangle, Lincolnshire £365,327 West Sussex, intestate£21,797 Simpson, Mr Charles Collin, of Poole, Dorset, intestate£342,325

Science report

Southern Fish yields star secret By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

Astronomers analysing observations from the Infra-Red into a group of planets like the from Earth and is the brightest Astronomy Satellite (IRAS) Yesterday's announcement have discovered a second star

that solid material also orbits around the star Fomalhant is extremely important because it shows that the Vegan system is not unique. It will encourage those astronomers who believe that

stars with planets may be the rule rather than the exception. More planets imply a greater chance that intelligent life has arisen elsewhere in Universe.

Fomalhant is 22 light-years

star in the constellation known as the Southern Fish. It is about 12 times more luminous than the Sun but cooler and less bright than Vega. IRAS, a joint project of Britain, the United States and The Netherlands, stopped

operating last mouth. But astronomers will spend years analysing and evaluating the vast volume of observations that it sent back to Earth during its 300 days in orbit. There could be other important discoveries in store.

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THE ARTS

Galleries

Light deceptive mastery

Walter Osborne National Gallery of Ireland '

Islamic Bookbindings/ Richard Doyle and

his Family Victoria and Albert

Islamic Art and Design British Museum

Walter Osborne is not exactly a name to conjure with, even in Ireland, his native land. Or he has not been for upwards of 80 years, since his death in 1903, but the splendid show of his work at the National Gallery of Ireland in Dublin until December 31 (and then the Ulster Museum of Art in Belfast from January 20 to February 28) is bound to change his standing

Osborne's complete eclipse is curious in many ways. He died young, at the age of 43, but he was not exactly unknown or even a very isolated figure. His formation as an artist was as international as that of any of his English contemporaries. such as Clausen, and he went through the same sort of evolution. Something of a juvenile prodigy, he won just about every prize in sight before leaving Dublin to train at the Antwerp Academy in its days of maximum influence, when he made contact with painters of the Hague School and a number of young English painters who

vere soon to be important. He was painting in Brittany, around Pont Aven, in 1883, along with a host of other painters, and there came under the influence, then almost unavoidable, of Bastien-Lepage in his studies of peasant life and his technique of painting them. He then lived and worked in England until 1892, and built his career very carefully, showing regularly at the Royal Academy, becoming early an associate of the Royal Hibernian Academy, and being in at the beginning of the New English Art Club.

Thus by the time he returned definitively to Dublin he was well established, and continued last few years he took up ruary 19).

portrait painting, and became beyond doubt Ireland's leading in-house activity that the museums do so well, offering a museum do so well, offering a supposed that Dublin could support only one at a time). The year before his death he was offered a knighthood, but

who's-who of young British are at that time. And then, virtually nothing. When Pyms Gallery in London turned up three lovely Osbornes for their Irish Revivat show last year, few visitors can even have known who he was. But he was very definitely somebody. Seeing a lot of his

work together, one can pick out a number of personal traits

which distinguish him from the many others who underwent the same influences at the same time. He soon tired, evidently, of the constraints of the chill. Bastien-Lepage range of colours, and bursts into a richness which owes little or nothing to the Impressionists. He particularly loves to construct a picture with the foreground shadowy and the background brilliantly illuminated by the rays of the setting (or occasionally rising) sun, and he has an extraordinary mastery of the shifting, deceptive light of an English or Irish landscape. Some of his portraits, particularly of women and children, are excellent, though there is some evidence that they were undertaken more from economic necessity than from free choice. It is only right and proper that the revival of interest in this whole generation

Dublin, tomorrow the world. In London, as I was remarking last week, most commercial galleries have settled down nicely to their Christmas shows, and it is left to the public hung together, how the three galleries to be launching import- great empires. Ottoman, Safaant exhibitions as near to Christmas as this - with the and influenced one another, and intention, of course, that they shall run happily on over the holiday and into the New Year. Bearing this in mind, the two major shows devoted to aspects of Islamic art do not seem quite so determinedly unseasonable. At the Victora and Albert Museum there is an extraordinary display of Islamic Bookbindings (until March 4) and at the British Museum is a more to keep up his English and general show of Islamic Art and foreign connexions. During his Design 1506-1760 (until Feb-

should finally restore his work

to the fame it deserves. Today

valuable opportunity to see some of the less familiar possessions, and occasionally offered a knighthood, but some of the more familiar, refused. After his death his illuminated by being placed in a painting An October Morning was bought as a memorial for the Guidhall Gallery by a group of painter friends and more so than in the Victoria more so than in the Victoria admirers which sounds like a and Albert's bookbinding show. which actually puts everything the museum has in that line on display, to coincide with a lavishly produced catalogue raisonne of the collection by Duncan Haldane, even at £30 heavily subsidized by that admirable organization the World of Islam Festival Trust.

It is, in a sense, a didactic show, in that it sets out to tell us a great deal about the evolution of bookbinding in the main Islamic centres, particularly Persia, Turkey and India. We learn how it was done, with what tools, in what materials. Everything is there with a purpose, and some of the bindings. or fragments of bindings. shown are more interesting than beautiful. But, for anyone whose historical interests are minimal, there is ample compensation in the sheer physical appeal of many of the exhibits: the exquisite marblings, the delicacy of the tooled patterns, the subtle and sometimes rich colouring of the later pictorial examples, elaborately lacquered, from Persia and The heart of the British Museum show is a stunning

collection of objects from the museum itself and the British

Library, though there are loans also from the Victoria and Albert and the Chester Beatty Library in Dublin, as well as private sources. Again, there is a ghost of didactic intent, since the exhibition sets out to show us just how the Islamic world vid and Mughal, interracted what they all made of influences from outside, east and west. Some of the most intriguing exhibits, in fact, are the ceramics repaired, restored or imitated from Chinese originals, and the miniatures, mainly of Christian subjects, derived from a variety of European sources already admired by Islamic artists and patrons. Again, many of the objects on show are of breathtaking beauty, but, for all the gasps of wonderment, one does



Osborne's affecting view of the child in Feeding Chickens

While at the Victoria and Albert, it will be well worth your while to walk through the newly assembled and arranged galleries devoted to British Art and Design 1900-1960: you will have plenty of time to do so, since this is a permanent display, and a source of amazement at the ingenuity of the museum's designers cramming a quart, if not a gallon, into a pint pot without creating too much confusion. But, if you are looking for truly sesonable

come away appreciating a lot more clearly just how, where and why all these wonders came way to the Henry Cole Wing, where there is a wholly delightful exhibition devoted to Richard Doyle and his Family (until February 26).

No artist, not even I think Arthur Rackham, has been so completely at home with fairies. elves, sprites and all their kith and kin. Though Dicky Doyle himself did many other things -political cartoons, comic books about the adventures of three accident-prone bachelors abroad and so on - his happy and unquestioning knowledge of fairlyland has been what most recommends him to

posterity. And, if you think it is easy to define and make convincing the proportions of a fairy queen or a malignant troll, look carefully at these unquestionably accurate records and think again. It also emerges that Dicky was just one of a whole clan of farry-fanciers, including (though not ending with) his nephew Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, whose strange credulity about the notorious Cottingles fairy photographs makes an odd' footnote to the show. Clearly, as long as there are Doyles about.

Television A real mystery

and Angela Lansbury, although they could hardly have expected that they would be forced to get out and push it. It was an effort for everyone concerned, but especially for those of us who watched until the end; it was a "mystery" story, although the only real mystery was why it was televised in the first place.

Angela Lansbury was not so much made-up as embalmed -but since she was playing the part of a lady thriller-writer, the contemporary equivalent of the Wise Virgin, that was perhaps just as well. Lord Olivier had decided to use his high. quavering voice and on the many occasions when he ex-claimed "My daaaarling" he sounded as if he were standing at the Wailing Wall. Sometines actors seem to believe that they can rise above a bad or nonsensical play by being grand or excessively theatrical - it is called being an "old trooper" but this ploy does not work on

A Talent for Murder (BBC2) television, where even the most talented performers can be "vehicle" for Laurence Olivier reduced to the sum of their mannerisms.
Last night's drama was

announced as a co-pro-duction, which generally means that it is being directed primarily at an American the English during Christmas week, when we get into the habit of watching anything. It was not so much a whodunnit" as "could it please be done as soon as possible?" Evil servants kept on walking up to each other and saying "Why? Why? It's all so senseless!" on a set that resembled the circulat-ing library at Harrods— although this drama's only connexion with literature was Lady Macbeth in you. The guilty party was evident from the start: whoever at the BBC believed that this farrago of stale cliches could be made at

Peter Ackroyd

Rock Optimistic finale

Simple Minds

Lyceum

Despite their long period of recording inactivity Glasgow's Simple Minds have ended their year with a flourish, a string of sold-out houses and the current hit single "Waterfront" paying tribute to the loyalty of a committed audience while also confirming the band's status as Scotland's leading group.

They began their first Lon-, don show with a studied version of "Waterfront", an impressive statement of the band's confidence as a live force. Both this and the other new song, "Speed Your Love To Me", are indications of the Minds' mature handling of their material. They have arrived at a sound which manages to be portentious without being pretentious, one that has graduated away from its initial post-Roxy

Music influence safely intact. The centrepiece of Simple-Minds' atmospheric approach is the graceful presence and cultured vocal contributions of Tinkerbell will never die.

John Russell Taylor

the frontman, Jim Kerr. His feline dancing and clear range automatically draw the listener

into a carefuly constructed web of emotional textures that move from the stirring "Glittering Prize" and "Up On the Catwalk" to the more introspec-tive pieces like "King is White and in the Crowd".

Behind Kerr, Simple Minds display a rich array of instrumental colour. The synths and electric keyboards of Michael MacNeil are probably the band's secret weapon and the key to their sound. He manages to infuse a constant stream of warm textures that allow the music to develop a sense of

It is the dynamics and pacing of Minds at their best which lend them a peciliar intensity. Although the guitarist Charles Burchill relies on effects to state the melodies he never resorts to rock cliches.

The high point of the evening was undoubtedly a cathartic version of "New Gold Dream" tory vamp of Al Green's "Take Me to the River". It was an optimistic finale to a highly satisfactory and stimulating night from Kerr and company,

Max Bell

Opera in America C 1 1 1 he first ladies

season in San Francisco was distinguished by a parade of prima donnas, which included some notable "firsts": Marilyn Home's first Dalila and Mirella Freni's first (Puccini) Manon: plus Montserrat Caballé's first American Gioconda, Katia Ricciarelli's first American Violetta, and Régine Crespin's first Grande Duchesse de Gérolstein on these shores.

The unquestioned prize was Manon Lescaut, conducted with passionate conviction by Maurizio Arena. Ermanno Mauro, as Des Grieux, was a wonder and a joy. He saug in a beautifully old-fashioned Italian tenor which he shifted skilfully from powerhouse to pianissimo. Vicente Sardinero was a suave and sympathetic Lescaut, Rena-to Capecchi, compelling as Geronte, But Mirella Freni's Manon was the best I have ever heard. This is an interpretation in which every word and every note have been meticulously studied for the maximum (and authentic) dramatic potential. The whole has been integrated into a characterization at once vocally voluptuous and histrio-

same male leads (Alberto Cupido and Leo Nucci) she had in the Paris Traviata last year. Her vocal tone is still very sure and very sweet; softer, more long-breathed arias were elegantly and movingly sung. But she seems to lack the easy agility and gusto necessary for performs in a very oldfashioned way, and persisted in slowing the pace of the music each time she took it over. Richard Bradshaw did a very unsubtle job of conducting.

Marilyn Home's first Dalila was undertaken at the persistent urging of San Francisco's director, Terence McEwen. He nurtured her career during his years at Decca. and is full of novel ideas of should (or should not) undertake. Miss Horne had fears that the part lay too low and too heavily for her own exquisite coloratura-mezzo instrument. and for most of Act I her fears seemed to be justified. But the remainder of the opera justified the risk. Although she is still not one's ideal pagan temptress, Miss Horne had numerous

and her meticulous musician-

Régine Crespin's La Grande Duchess de Gérolstein is hardly "new" (after 163 performances in this production alone, it seems hers as much as Offenbach's). This faultless French production (originally staged for Toulouse) was a model of how to do Offenbach - with taste, grace and panache. Mme Crespin, playing a sort of pantomime version of her

Marschallin, is the only "superstar" soprano I have seen who has totally mastered the style and wit of good operetta -a minefield into which others have ventured to such joyless cally true. occasions to display her gorKatia Ricciarelli sang her first geous middle and high voice, everthing else involved, made

Ricciarelli's Violetta:

of this an exquisite Gallic

Ponchielli's La Gioconda, a production so aggressively opu-lent and busy it became a US television hit (with Luciano Pavarotti) in 1979. Monserrat Caballe sang with phenomenal quality and intelligence. The great Spanish diva has come to seem primarily the stalwart guardian of a priceless, fragile jewel of a voice; one listens, spellbound, for each silver syllable or onminotent blast and looks to others for acting. sang Laura as a Turandot-style ice-princess, in a strange, steelythroaty warbling tone I admired for its clarity and control.

Mansouri) held a fine cast together well, and the Dance of the Hours was of classical quality - the vastly improved opera ballet, in fact, was one of the most important steps forward in Mr McEwen's second complete San Francisco

David Littlejohn

Teatro Communale. Bologna

A splendid midseason surprise was the revival of Wagner seated at the piano and the Wesendoncks in appreciative attendance - a domestic drama that served as the worldv background to the dreams and ideals in Tristan und Isolde. Such is the framework for Yuri Lyubimov's first undertaking since directing his adaptation of Crime and Punishment in London three months ago, and his last before he returns to Mescow to face Soviet officialdom over the future of his beloved and threatened Tagan-In common with the handful

Conducting and stage direc-tion (Andrew Meltzer and Lofti

The 1890s approached, and "king of insurgents", as the

It ended, as it had begun, with

of other opera productions he has mounted in Italy in recent years. Lyubimov's first Wagner staging is original, controversial and extremely well-executed. He handles Tristan as both an escape from and an extension of Wagner's day-to-day circumconception. So he is less concerned with Tristan as a mystical ideal of transcendental love or an expression of Schopenhaner's pessimistic philosophy than with its embodiment of the unattainable

romantic fantasy that has to be reconciled with grim reality.

He makes his point before note has been sung: the three characters occupying the stage during the Prelude represent the triangle of relationships between Wagner and Otto and Mathilde Wesendonck, who put Asyl, a small property next to their own home in Zurich, at the Wagners' disposal when Tristan was beginning to take shape. The mantles of the two legendary lovers - in the form of cloaks brought on stage by two masked figures - are assumed by Wagner and Mathilde, who are gently kept apart by Otto in a slow retrea to a background silhouette. The production thus assumes its duality of real and ideal, as the love-world of Tristan and Isolde

is developed in the chaste nineteenth-century terms of the Richard-Mathilde relationship - only to be intruded upon directly or as a giant looming shadow by König Marke in the severe, respectable shape of Otto Wesendonck, the generous patron, morally-affronted friend and understanding husband. Lyubimov never lets us forget this duality. His three central characters are clothed in re-

spectable dark nineteenth-century costumes, in contrast to Kurwenal Brangaene and Melot who exist only as naturalistic props in the fantasy world of the inner drama. He makes extensive use of a large central steel frame which breaks up the stark expanse of black-Hilary Finch ened stage and acts as a gate

Opera in Italy

interact. The emotional impact of events is not denicted in the polite and carefully spotlighted expressions of the main protagouists, but in a stunning series of lighting collages.

His use of masked figures is less successful. But their mirrored faces in Act III do afford a compelling reflection of Tristan's psychological pain, and Lyubimov's coup de grâce is to use two of the masks to depict the lovers' idealized rennion at the end of the Liebestod - giving the three principal singers time to resume their positions around the Wesendonck piano for the first curtain call.

charge that he has abused the text does not stand close inspection, but he does appear guilty of exaggerating the influence of Mathilde and the whole Wesendonck episode as an inspiration for Tristan. Some Wagnerites will be disturbed by the importance accorded to Marke, and will find little or no illumination of the night-day

The production's only serious weakness lay in the pit, where the playing lacked body and bite, thereby sabotaging the orchestra's role as a principal protagonist. Zoltan Pesko ges-ticulated his way through the As theatre, Lyubimov's ap- score with more physical energy

but he did keep well in touch with the stage and could boast the dubious virtue of allowing every word to be heard clearly The Teatro Communale, which is technically and acoustically better equipped for Wagner than most Italian provincial theatres, has imported most of the cast from West Germany. Wolfgang Neumann and Dag-mar Trabert filled the title roles with tolerable accuracy but little beauty. Matthias Hölle made an outstanding Marke, and Livia Budai's Brangaene, for which her weighty dark voice is strikingly well-suited, also deserves a wide hearing.

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Those who avoid imitations and resolutely seek out the real thing among the myriad of Christmas concerts will surely have ended up at Sunday night's Elizabeth Hall concert, which brought the Choir of King's College, Cambridge, to London. They sang not only carols but Mozart's "Coronation" Mass, which they are recording, with a Handel Alleluia thrown in for good measure: an exhausting programme which came in the midst of preparations for the broadcast of their famous Stephen Cleobury's shapely Christmas service of lessons gestures.

and carois. So it was not, perhaps, to be wonderd at if their sound was slightly more pallid than one has come to expect the deadening ambience of a full Elizabeth Hall scarcely offers the acoustical support of King's Chapel vault. But in the Mozart in the Alleluia chorus which Mass one could only presume that no one at rehearsal had ventured towards the back of the hall to hear the balance of the choir against the English admirable David Briggs dis-Chamber Orchestra; until re-played just those qualities of straining hands were waved in delicate touch and volant the Credo, the choir was swamped. It is also arguable whether such a clean, tasteful

account serves this music best;

it was hard to efface the memories of Rafael Kubelik's Songmakers' ample warmth in this work a

few months ago. The soloists were good, though the fine soprano, Patrizia Kwella, sounded more strained than usual.

The Director of Music at King's is now Stephen Cleobury: while his brother Nicholas adopted land near enough yet has thrust himself into the far enough away, where words hurly-burly of the London new- and music had lighter air to hurly-burly of the London new-music scene, Stephen Cleobury partakes of the deep, deep peace of collegiate life. Their conducting styles have an element of crisply tailored neatness in common: but I longed for a touch of the brother's energy in

gestures were more Those attuned, of course, to directing the choir than the orchestra, and in a group of unaccompanied twentieth-century carols the shone with most of its fastidious precision. There was more exuberance

was tacked on to the end of Handel's Organ Concerto Op 4 No 4: otherwise a very slow. careful account in which the fingerwork which Hawkins said Handel's playing transcended.

Nicholas Kenyon

Concerts Almanac

Wigmore Hall Vienna, Graham Johnson has

shrewdly suggested in his latest brogramme notes. Brahms's New York: breathe and friendship and anonymity weighed in an easy balance. But his ideals and his two "angels of judgment", Clara Schumann and Elisabet von Herzogenberg, remained in

The Songmakers on Sunday carried the songs and letters back and forth over the border in "A Viennese Requiem", a song portrait of Brahms in the last period of his composing life. With Ann Murray as the voice of Clara, Felicity Lott as Elisabet, Richard Jackson as Brahms himself and Graham Johnson narrating and accompanying, songs were as cunningly as ever matched to words by specific reference and

"Therese", for example, sung by Felicity Lott, provided an entertaining little conversation piece as we eavesdropped on critical correspondence. examples, between Brahms and

Elisabet on its different versions. And then there was Schumann and his "An Anna", an early song, guarded and championed by Clara and Brahms and given a chill, rather literary performance by Mr Jackson. Better suited to bis sharp-witted artistry was Wolf's "Abschied", taken here as a brilliantly vicious little comment on the Beckmesser-Hanslick-Brahms connexion.

Allusion ranged from the tenderness of Miss Lott's "Wir wandelten", a rapt vocal illustration of Clara as melodic muse to Mr Jackson's bluff with visions of Brahms slurping sardines from a tin at breakfast. Carmen was his favourite opera, and there was Miss Murray, bringing in turn lan-guor and gleaming exuberance to two of the "Zigeunerlieder".

with them the last songs prophetic of the death of the angels and of Brahms himself. Ann Murray, whose contributions alone would have made the evening worthwhile, gave minutely expressive readings of "Immer leiser" and "O Tod, wie bitter bist du". Part two of the Viennese Requiem turns to Alma Mahler, wife of Brahms's

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may be a bid candidate. Distillers was another cheer-

but turnover remained low. Much of the index's firmness was attributable to Bowater, the

There is a little more to bought Coventbrook, the investment property company, than meets the eye. Coventbrook is the property arm of C&A, the Dutch-owned stores group. which received 2.1 million Gilbert House shares in return for the sale. Further deals between the two companies cannot be ruled out. Gilbert House rose 2p to a new high of

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has been topping up its stake in Lincrost Kilgour Group, the cloth merchant and menswear manufacturer, and now owns 877,000 shares, or just under 20 per cent of the total. Lincroft held steady at 61 p.

Border & Southern Stockholder Trust has reduced its stake in Munford & White, the electronic security group, which ioined the Unlisted Security Market last year. Border & Southern has sold 417,000 shares at 215p and now owns only 300,000 shares, or 9.30 per cent of the total Munford's shares were unchanged at 225p yesterday,

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The rig, owned by Lloyds Leasing but contracted to Ben

Odeco and Britoil, was due for completion in April. But it is

only 30 per cent complete and already more than 500 days

The Britoil statement said

four offers to renegotiate the

contract had been refused and

the obvious implication is that Britoil is blaming British Shipbuilders for forcing the

In a terse reply to the announcement a Scott Lithgow

spokesman said: "We do not regard it as validly given under the contract. We intend to challenge it and are examining

Bankers

cut back

on credit

Basic (Router) - Banks have further reduced their credit lines

to most foreign borrowers in the

first half of 1983, reflecting the

international debt crisis and stagnation of world trade, the

Bank for International Settle-

The average length of loans also stretched out further,

mainly because the banks

refused to renew some short-

term credits falling due and because they had to reschedule the debts of countries unable to

The twice-yearly BIS report

on international debts showed

that the amount of credit which

the banks of leading non-

had pledged to the rest of the

world but had not yet paid out

fell by \$2.8 billion during the

Total new lending to these

countries at \$10 billion was

only one-third as much as in the first half of 1982, a trend

already apparent from earlier

Eastern Europe's net indebt-

edness to the banks fell by a huge \$11.9 billion, or a quarter,

between the end of 1981 and

mid-1983. But the BIS said the

rate at which banks were cutting

back their exposure to these

countries was slowing.
Worst off was Poland, where

ing short-term loans was not

extended during the first half of

1983. It's unused credit lines fell

to 4.3 per cent of its outstanding debt, the worst ratio of all

problem countries listed by the

han two years, reflecting the

rescheduling of its debt.

Mexico, the first big country
hit by the debt crisis in 1982,

was able to borrow about \$1.3

billion on a short-term basis

Further signs of its recovery

were increases in its unused

credit lines and its deposits with

Venezuela and Chile, how-

ever, received fewer short-term

loans and their undisbursed credit also declined. Venezue-

la's mused credit was down to

4.8 per cent of its debt, the

owest ratio in Latin America. Individual countries in Asia

(excluding Japan), where un-used credit lines rose by \$1.9

billion showed the relatively

good credit standing of most

Taiwan, China, Mexico and Algeria were the only impor-

tant borrowers outside the group of leading non-commu-

nist nations to record marked

Indonesia, Malaysia, India,

nations in the region.

the banks.

significant volume of matur-

BIS quarterly debt reviews.

first six months of the year.

Communist industrial nations

ments said yesterday.

behind schedule.

cancellation.

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

General insurance groups look to their lifeline

Eagle Star between BAT Industries and Allianz Versicherungs was drawn out a little further by the Takeover Panel

In a brief statement the panel indicated that there will be a full meeting of its members tomorrow to consider the procedure which should be adopted to deal with rival offers. The Takeover Code was not designed to cover an auction which the sale of Eagle Star has become. It is therefore also a test of the Panel's ingenuity as well as its good sense.

The discussions which took place with Mr John Hignett, director general of the panel, concentrated on two themes. As The Times reported yesterday the favoured option is to arrange a one-day auction, after which there would be no further bidding for a specified period. Alternatively the two sides would be free to continue the bidding for a set period, say one week, beyond the present December 30 deadline.

Whatever the final decision the panel's delay in offering guidance to the com-panies involved and their shareholders is adding to the general confusion in the market where Eagle Star shares closed 12p higher yesterday at 731p. The delay is also damaging for Eagle Star's prized business.

The chances that Allianz will ultimately succeed appear to be improving. It does start with the enormous advantage of holding 29.9 per cent of Eagle Star's equity and the average price per share it would pay in making a winning bid is much more economic than the price BAT would pay for victory.

At another level, that of management, BAT would have nothing like the headache of Allianz. The German company's hope of justifying the acquisition of Eagle Star must rest in anything other than the long term on the efforts of the existing senior managers. Most, if not all, of them are now firmly identified with Eagle Star's stand against Allianz and it is not easy to see them harnessing themselves to the

Of wider significance than Eagle Star's fate is the ripples it will cause in the British insurance pond, especially if Allianz carries the day.

fear, the boards of our leading composites might profitably look to coordinating some of their activities, especially in overseas markets where a combined clout would certainly ring more bells. I fear, however, that they are not used to anticipating events or trends: major initiatives would be taken only under strong provocation from outside. There is however, a greater disposition

now to consider the value of insurance companies in relation to the market prices of their shares. It is not conceivable that an insurace company would fall to a bidder at less than its net asset value. Yet notwithstanding the vigorous bidding up of Eagle Star, other composite insurance shares are selling at yawning discounts to

Confirming observations I made in this column just over two weeks ago, one of the industry's leading figures has written pointing to the constrast between share prices depressed by earnings figures and the recent rapid rise in the companies' net worth - in some instances by over 50 per

'This has been largely due", he points out, "to the combination of sound investment policies and rising stock market prices, but whatever the reason the total return to shareholders has been considerably greater than is apparent solely through the conventionally accepted criterion of the profit and loss account. Moreover, the substantial growth in life husiness such as has been seen this year is only very partially reflected in earnings in the year of acquisition and yet is a reliable source of future growth in earnings."

The value of the composite companies' expanding life insurance business is especially interesting. This business might not exist as far as the accounts presented to shareholders are concerned; yet if the astute analysis at brokers Wood, Mackenzie have done their sums correctly - and they usually do - the life business of the two leading general offices, Royal Insurance and Commercial Union, are currently worth £400m in balance sheet terms. CU shares on that basis are currently selling at a discount of 50 per cent to their net asset value.

Pegi's Sou in demand

Mr Chooi Mun Son arrived in London this morning and will play a significant part in the future of Britain's beleaguered tyre company, Dunlop. Mr Sou is the legal adviser and director desinguate for the Malaysian Pegi group, holders of 27 per cent of the Dunlop equity. He is here to attend a Dunlop board meeting on Thursday and will be hotly pursured by Sarasin International Securities whose proposed £40m cash rescue bid for Dunlop is dependent on Pegi's support.

Dunlop had been expecting Pegi to hand over £55m in cash for the remaining 51 per cent of Dunlop Malaysian Industries, but that deal fell through last Friday. Pegi still owes Dunlop a further £43m for the Malaysian plantation interests. Although this deal was renegotiated in July a serious question mark now

Both sums would have had a favourable impact on Dunlop's debt mountain of £400m. That, and Dunlop's poor trading

\$300m

Oatar

claim for

arbitration

over a \$300m claim for damages against Shell and Whessoe, the process plant contracting group, by the Qatar Petroleum Producing Auth-

ority.

The claim follows a fire at the Umm Said natural gas liquids plant in Qatar in 1977.

Shell was project manager and Whessoe a sub-contractor.

Whessoe, which reported increased pretax profits of £6.8m, against £6.5m, for the

year to September 24, said there

is nothing the company can do to provide against the outcome

of the case. Even provision against 10 per cent of the claim

would amount to the group's

• Creditors of Court Line, the travel and shipping group which crashed in 1974, will receive a sixth payment of 2p in the

pound early next year, the liquidators, Peat Marwick Mit-chell, said yesterday. The

Nigerian officials are meet.

British exporters. An ECGD

thought to total less than £1.5

Argentina plans to raise tax

on all imports by 1.5 per cent

and to provide incentives for its

exporters, according to a Bill publishers yesterday.

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net worth.

Arbitration

record under the outgoing chairman, Sir Campbell Fraser, prompted the £82m agreement with Sumitomo of Japan. Dunlop not only sold its European tyre operations, it also sold its 40 per cent stake

Foreign

Even with Sir Maurice Hodgson in Sir

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pegi's senior executives so far have Most new borrowing by responded coldly to Sarasin's proposals Brazil, the Third World's largest but the Malaucians may not be in as strong debug. was for periods longer

a position as they make out. The Investment Malaysian Committee is unhappy about such large sums leaving a country which is pursuing a local majority ownership policy for foreign companies operating there.

Campbell's seat there is some agument whether a man of his stature and experience can achieve much unless he cuts away large pieces of the remaining business with the intention of merging or selling off a profitable residue. If that proved to be so, Pegi's interests might be worth far less than it thought.

earlier in the day.
The Deutschemark and Swiss franc also regained part of last

But the dollar once more began surging ahead when New York entered business in the

stered the dollar. Dealers said last Friy's US\$5.5 billion rise in the weekly money supply had been discounted, but today's meeting of the policymaking Federal Open Marke Committee would be more signifi-

The dollar once again finished deficit

Once again the prospect of higher US interest rates bol-

Scott Lithgow to challenge £86m oil rig cancellation

Successor story: Ronald Utiger (left) and Sir Brian Kellett

Utiger takes over at TI

By Andrew Cornelius

Mr Ronald Utiger, deputy chairman in autumn last year. the selection comtor of TI group, will succeed Sir Brian Kellett as chairman of the successor hired headhunters to

pointment will take effect at the outside. The main argument

it was looking for a new towards consumer products.

Airship plans cash call

Airship Industries is planning announced a one-for-two rights

to ask shareholders to dig issue at 140p to raise £5.6m this

British Shipbuilders' Scott Lithgow yard is to challenge yesterday's long-awaited cancellation of an £86m oil rig for a consortium headed by Britoil.

The rig counted by Lithguist Scott the contractual position with our logal advisers."

He refused to discuss the basis for the challenge. But there will be no immediate layoff among the yard's 4,500 workforce.
Mr Malcolm Ford, Britoil's

Joint managing director said:
"We have done our best to cooperate with British Skip-builders to help them overcome the problems. But given past delays and finure uncertainties no client could expect to continue. "We were propared to con-

template a shippage of up to 300 days beyond the contracted delivery date. But our own assessment is that it would take much longer."

company next May. The ap-

group's annual meeting. Mr Michael Boughton, depu-

ty group managing director, will

become deputy chairman and

group managing director (oper-

Yesterday's decision on the chairmanship of TI follows

months of speculation over a

successor to Sir Brian, who has

been with the engineering and

motor components group for 28

airships in this country for the first time since the 1930s has

omed forces with Mr Alan

Bond, the businessman behind

Australia's America's Cup vic-tory, for the purpose. Mr Bonds company, Bond Corp Holdings (Australia), intends to under-

write the issue, details of which

Shares of Airship Industries were suspended at 93p yester-

day amid growing speculation

that the group was runnning short of cash. In February it

will be announced this week.

Dr Norman Goodman, the Greenock and Port Glasgow Labour MP, is seeking an adjournment debate and a meeting with Mrs Thatcher. Mr Donald Dewar, the Shadow Scottish Secretary, said the Government should use its 48

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per cent stake in Britoil to keep the order with the yard. He was among Labour MPs who yesterday sought, but were refused, an emergency debate on the matter

He demanded that a "responsible minister" - either Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, or mr George Younger, the Sec-retary of State for Scotland -reassure the House that ministers are acting and not merely The cancellation has placed standing by as no doubt concerned but ineffective spec-

seek possible candidates from

against Mr Utiger was age - he

manufacturing subsidiary in Canada and received several

firm orders, but losses have

continued to grow. This led to

cent, followed by several in

issue was on the way.

Shopstewards from the yard meet Mr Younger today, but it is believed he will refuse to intercede.

If no lifeline is forthcoming up to 1,000 men will be laid off next month and the remaining jobs will be in jeopardy. However, this in conflict with the Conferencion of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions' policy which rules out any compulsory redundancies.

The yard has no further orders in its book and it is estimated that closure would raise the unemployment rate in the Invertiyde area of Stratelyde to between 36 and 40 per cent.

A six-week breathing space has been offered for reconsider-ation. Britoil says it will then turn, probably to the Far East for a replacement.

No dividend after record loss at JFB

By Joanathan Davis Financial Correspondent

Johnson and Firth Brown, The Sheffield special steel and engineering group, reported a Frankfurt: Comme record loss of £10.9m yesterday Index 1018.3 up 10.2 and said it was passing all its dividend payments for the year.
But Mr Roy Shephard, the
group's new chief executive,

aid that while it faced a long haul, the company appeared to have turned the corner and was likely to have a much better.

"Anything as sick as JFB is not going to get better over-night, but I am absolutely confident that over a three to five year period we can return it to a respectable level of profits and start to pay shareholders dividends once again".

The pretax loss in the year to

the end of September was more But by tradition the top job at than double the previous year's TI goes to the most experienced £4.8m. Of this, £8.9m was attributable to JFB's 50 per cent and able member of the existing share in the loss of Sheffield Forgemasters joint venture with Over the past three years Sir British Steel. Brian has masterminded a frig

As the joint venture is an rationalization of the group which has seen the workforce cut by half to 32,000 and a associate company, the losses were not a cash drain on JFB, but did result in a £12m transfer change in the mix of its businesses away from the heavy Mr Utiger was favourite for businesses away from the heavy the job when TI indicated that end of the engineering industry from reserves, increasing the company's gearing from 57 to 64 per cent.

Last year's bifter 24-week strike at Greening, JFB's War-rington metal engineering subsidiary, cost £1.6m, and although Greening's order book is now back to 75 per cent of its pre-strike level, it will lose 3 month DM 6½-6% money again this year. Mr Shephard said that even a

deeper into their pockets to was quickly followed by a listing support a big rights issue – the on the Unlisted Securities second in less than ten months.

The group, which hopes to at £17.5m. small upture in the economy would have a considerable Fed funds 91% would have a considerable impact on the group's profit and lost account. He waid that the Treasury long bend 10011/2-Since then it has started a banks had been very patient during the company's crisis, and it had succeeded in reducing its bortowings marginally. At the operating level, before

speculation that another rights interest payments. IFB recorded a small profit of £1.8m, against £800,000 the previous year, with the lion's share coming Authir's biggest shareholder is European Perries with 15 per from its special steels division. The setting up of the Forge-inasters foint venture in 1982 resulted in the main group's tutions, including Royal Bank of Camercial union with 6.05 per cent, Commercial union with 6.05 per cent and Chicoco Capital Investors with 5.69 per cent. turnover dropping from £161m to £102m.

Selective support for blue chips and the various bid situations kept the equity market on the boil yesterday. The FT Index closed at a new bight 2.2 mg at 7.2.1 The

high 2.8 up at 762.1. The previous record of 760.2 was set last week. Bowater to a new high of 254p was mainly responsible for the FT maintaining its momentum in these quiet conditions. Dealers are speculating that a bid from across the Atlantic may soon be on the way. Others to draw support included Grand Metropolitan 7p to 348p, while Distillers on 121p, Hawker Siddeley on 360p, TI Group on 164p and Vickers on 122p all added 2p apiece.

Index hits

record high

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT index: 762.1 up 2.8 FT Gifts: 82.64 up 0.30 FT All Share: 463.5 up 1.04 Bargains: 19,280 Datastream USM Leaders **Index:**95.08 up 0.15 New York: Dow Jones industrial Aver (latest) 1247.97 up 5.80 Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9,484.17 down 81.47 Hongkong: Hang Index 857.25 down 3.52 Amsterdam: 155.4 changed Sydney: AO Index 755.7

Frankfurt: Commerzbank Brussels: General Index 134.48 up 0.61 Zurich: SKA General 307.30 up 0.40

CURRENCIES

ladex 82.1 up 0.2 DM 3.9350 up 0.0050 FrF 11.9950 up 0.01 Yen 335.25 up 1.75 Index 131.2 up 0.1

DM 2.7730 down 0.0047 **NEW YORK LATEST Sterling \$1,4170**Dollar DM 2.7720 INTERNATIONAL **SDR**£0.732164

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Bank base rates 9 Finance houses base rate 91/2 Discount market loans week 3 month interbank 91/16-97/16 3 month Fr F14-13-4

US rates

London fixed (per ounce): am \$378.65 pm \$375 close \$374.75-\$375.50 (2264-2264.50) New Yerk (latest): \$375.50 Krugerrand* (per coin): \$386-\$387.50 (£272-£273.00) Sovereigns (new): \$88-\$89 (£62-£62.75) "Excludes VAT

Sterling pulls back half a cent of losses

The pound managed to at its best level against the mark recoup half a cent to close at at 2.7730.

1.4185 against the dollar in The French franc fared quiet trading yesterday, having slightly better, gaining a couple been a further half cent higher

week's losses as European foreign exchange markets kept trading to a minimum.

later afternoon. The Bank of England was not thought to have intervened on any significant scale, but in Frankfurt the West German central bank, the Bundesbank, sold a further \$52.75m in an effort to bolster its flagging

slightly better, gaining a couple of centimes to 8.4515 to the dollar. The yen, still weakened by the Liberla Demorats' failure to gain a mojority in the Japanes election battle, continued lower to 236.25.

It will indicate whether pressure is to be applied to bring rates down and cut the

increases in their undisbursed credit facilities. Top performer was China, whose unused loan pledges were nearly two-and-a-half times as

large as the amount of money it had actually borrowed. Its deposits with foreign banks at mid-year also exceeded its debts by nearly \$10 billion. The banks' undisbursed cre dit commitments to the whole

of the rest of the world represented only 16.6 per cent of total oustanding debt at min-1983. This was nearly 12 percentage points lower than five years ago.

WALL STREET Stocks continue

upward move

early tracing yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up more than 5 points and the transportation index up more than 2.

General Electric was up 4.a 55%; General Motors up ½ at 74%; Ford up ¾ to 41%; Exxust down ¼ at 37%; Eastman Kodak

New York (AP-Dow Jones) -Stocks continued to edge apward with the big capitaliza-

Advancing issues lead de-clines by a scant 690-to-680 margin. Trading was moderately active.

up % to 74%; International Business Machines up 1 at 121% and Teledyne up 1% to

South Pacific was 39 un-changed; Honeywell 136%, up 1½; Burrougs 48%, down n; Motorcia 133%; up 1½; Abbott Laboratories 45%, up 1,

Norcros p.l.c. pre-tax profit up 11%

Ken Roberts, Chairman, reports:

- Confidence in achieving the forecast pre-tax profit for the corrent year.
- Interim dividend up 10.6% to 2.3p.

Financial summary for the half year to 30th September 1983

1983-4 Half year Half year Full year £164.7m External sales £166.4m £355.5m £13.9m Profit before texation £12.5m £28.3m Earnings per ordinary share 7.76o 6.51p 15.97p Sales per employes \$21,642 £24,049

Copies of the interim report and corporate brochure are available from:

The Company Secretary, Norcros p.Lc., Spencers Wood, Reading RG7 INT.



£315m gas project will benefit steel industry Go-ahead for North Sea pipeline

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Department of Energy has given approval for the development of an 180 milelong gas pipeline from the North Sea Fulmar field oper-

payment brings the total payout to 200 in the pound, paid on total agreed claims of approxiated by Shell and Esso.
The £315m pipeline would provide work for British Steel' pipe manufacturing plant at Hartlepool. It is the eleventh big ing the Export Credits Guaran-North Sea project to be tee Department in London this approved this year. week about rescheduling or refinancing trade debt arrears to

The Department of Energy is also likely to give approval to development of the Beatrie "C" spokesman said exporters have project before the end of next been asked for and these are week, confirming previous government predictions that British industry will benefit by as much as £1 billion from a resurgence of activity in North

The approval for te Shell-Esso development of the Fulmar field confirms previous announcements by the two companies - they operate in the North Sea under a partnership agreement - that they will spend as much as £800m on the development of gas and oil fields by the end of the decade. The Fulmar pipeline will involve construction of plant at

the St Fergus base south of Aberdeen. It will also be used as the "spine" pipeline for the development of other North Sea as fields which are now being considered by the oil com-

The Clyde Field operated by Britoil will be connectable to the pipeline

The pipeline has become viable because of taxation changes in the last Budget and by a hardening of natural gas prices paid to the oil companies.

The Minister of State for

Energy, Mr Alick Buchanan-

Smith, said yesterday: "I am keen to see companies themselves develop plans and invest in gas gathering. I hope that the British steel industry will take advantage of this project to

Shell and Esso had been told in advance that the Fulmar project would be given Govern-ment approval. Because of this British Steel has been able to avoid further lay-offs at its Hartlepool pipeworks and bring back men who had been laid-

development is a confirmation that the oil industry is being left to devise methods of brin gas from the central sector of An earlier proposal for a join

Approval of the Fulmar

industry-Government gas gathering pipeline was abandoned after the Government insisted that the scheme should be financed outside the Government borrowing requirement without Treasury guarantees for loans already approved by a consortium of banks led by the

the stock market yesterday when it announced an agreed all-share offer for the Midland Trust at a level equivalent of full net asset value, a hefty premium over the value ruling in the market.

The complicated bid basically values Midland at £8.9m against a pre-announcement value of £5.6m. Britannic already owns 33.3 per cent of Midland through it own holdings - it has been a shareholder since 1929 - and those of its pension funds. Coupled to irrevocable acceptances already received, Britannic has acceptances of 50.9 per cent.

Britannic is to offer enough of its own shares, down 8p at 450p, for each Midland, up 63p at 198p, to gain control when the bid goes unconditional

Britannic Assurance surprised shareholders will not know exactly how many Britannia shares they are to receive but on a rule-of-thumb calculation the offer works out at about

> The precise terminology is Britannic Ordinary stock units - taken at 458p - equivalent to the value of 109.1 per cent of the net asset value per Midland Ordinary. The net asset value will be determined when the bid is declared unconditional to a precise formula.

> A cash alternative is being provided through the adviser, S. G. Warburg, which will arrange to place any Britannic shares Midland shareholders accept for cash.

Midland is an authorized investment trust consisting entirely of shares quoted on the London stock exchange.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Hampton Gold Mining Areas: Six months to June 30, 1983. Interim division 1p (same). Figures in £000s. Turnover 6.189 (4,675). Trading profit 322 (248). Investment income and interest received 654 (504). Royalties 528 (227). Exploration costs 6 (240). Profit on E6. investments sale nil (3). Pre-tax 24. profit 1,523 (784). Shares 200

down 3. A Monk & Co: Half year to August 31, 1983. Interim dividend 2p (1.5p) to reduce disparity. Company anticipates total for the current year of not less than the 6.0p per share paid last year. Figures in £000. Turnover 52,000 (45,000), Pretax profit 1,137 (1,375). Tax 398 (344) Minorities nil (72)

Shares 122 down 1. Farrel Bridge: Six months to June 6, 1983. Figures in £000s. Turnover 5,763 (3,460). Trad-ing profit 378 (30 Joss). Interest payable 12 (27). Pretax profit 366 (57 loss). Tax 97 (credit 73).

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK

Whessoe seeks to bridge AGR gap

after producing a £300,000 increase in pretax profits to £6.8m in the year to September

£111.3m against £98.1m last

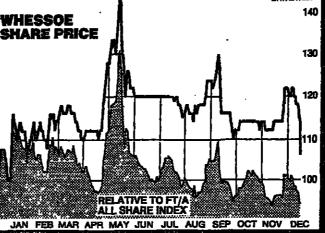
The orderbook at the process plant engineering group, at £300m is identical to last year's with the £75m of orders coming in compensating for the con-tracts completed during the

Good and bad new for shareholders is the near completion of the £130m orders for the heavy engineering work at the Heysham and Torness adanced gas-cooled reactor (AGR) nuclear power stations. The contracts will be com-

pleted by next spring apart from some routine maintenance and service work. But because Whessoe prefers to defer taking profits from such work until it not show through until 1984 Whessoe's problem is filling

the gap let by the completion of these orders. Mr William Smart, the chairman reports that the group is better placed than a year ago to pick up orders having completed a £5m restructuring at its Darlington plant which has seen numbers reduced from 800 to 300 and the instalation of computer numericaly controlled machinery increasing efficiency sixfold.

But the key to the group's success hinges upon its ability to translate the increase in order



inquiries into contracts. On the offshore side this is already beginning to show with work on £13m contract to provide British Gas with a new module nearly completed and strong inquiries from other energy companies.

Elsewhere, the light engineering division has managed to maintain pretax profits at the £850,000 level, despite a grim marketplace, while the Austra-lian and Canadian divisions also traded in the black. The blackspot turned out to

be the high pressure pipework division at Alton where a £1.5m provision was necessary to cover the increasing costs of contracts which are taken on a five-year timespan.

group is the threatened \$300m higher writ for damages from Qatar month followed by Phoenix

275.80-276.00

which has yet to be resolved. In the absence of a successful claim, which would wipe out the group, Whessoe is well placed to take advantage of any upturn in demand for process plant and energy equipment and with £11m in the bank has resources to invest in crowth areas.

Whessoe shares were 8p down on the day at 106p.

May & Hassell The recovery in the timber cycle, together with internal

steps the industry has taken to cut costs and improve performance, have worked wonders for the profitability of the sector. Meyer International, the giant

of the industry, reported much interim profits this

return to profits.

Yesterday it was the turn ofthe timber importer May & Hassell, where the recovery gathered pace in the half-year to September 30, leading to a more than tenfold rise in pretax profits from £126,000 to

May & Hassell took action during its last financial year to rationalize the timber importing side of its business, including closing its loss-making Cardiff operation.

Mr Peter Atley, chairman, is therefore predicting that the half-year improvement will be more than maintained in the full-year results and the group's confidence is reflected in a 23 per cent rise in the interim dividend from 1.3p to 1.6p net During the first half, May & Hassell managed a small reduction in interest charges from £1.19m to £1m and the group

timber prices and improved profit margins. Turnover in the six months rose by 20 per cent from £28.7m to £34.5m. The group has now bought the remaining 50 per cent of Hallam Group, although in the first half it turned in another disappointing performance. May & Hassell's half-share of its

has also benefited from rising

However, the market was prepared to overlook this and the shares rose 15p to 113p in response to the results.

losses amounted to £67,000 compared with £65,000 in the

whole of 1982-1983.

Norcros

No sooner has the construction-to-packaging group Norcros shrugged off one negative label the problem Hygena Kitchens, than its failure to win control of the builders' merchants UBM. has lumbered it with another.

The interim figures clearly illustrate why UBM is such an important component in expansion. The figures are slightly deceptive. Pretax profit is up from £12.5m to £13.9m on turnover marginally lower at £164.7m. The interim dividend

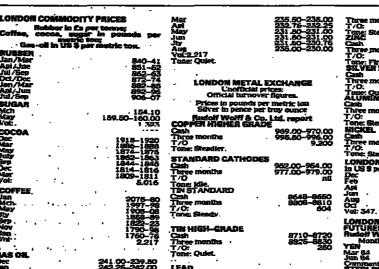
is up from 2.08p to 2.3p. Hygena, despite the losses accounted for around £9m of turnover so the expansion of other areas has been significant. And the best performer was construction, where the upsurge of housebuilding is proving a worthwhile base on which Norcros can expand

At the final stage in the summer, international profits fell 25 per cent and now have more than halved to £2.3m. Ceramics were the other big profit earner but once again the

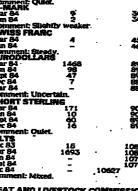
division slid badly down. Engineering held its profit level while print and packaging managed a marginal increase Norcros obviously has an ability to make money in Britain but is doing a lot less well abroad. The shares at 143p were down 5p and yielding a healthy 7 per cent, but will continue to be overshadowed

by the prospect of a renewed bid for UBM next year.

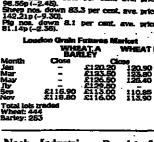
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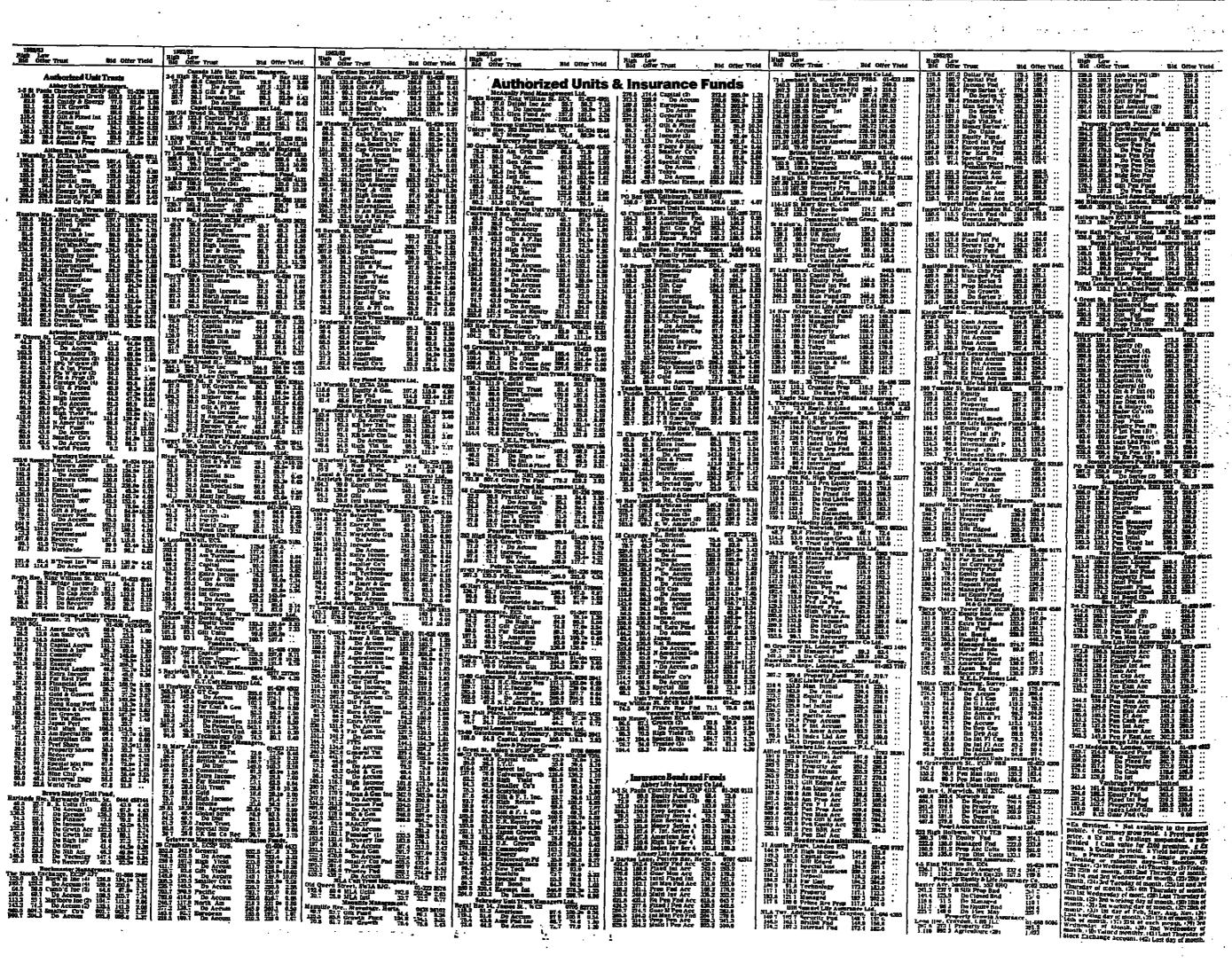
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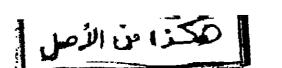


Nash Industries: Results for year to September 30, 1983. Final division 2.5p making 4p (4p). Figures in £000s. Turnover 14,973 (11,751). Trading profit 881 (604). Interest 205 (190). Pretax profit 676 (414). Shares

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Financial notebook

Exit Clive Thornton

Douglas Tweedale on the Herculean tasks facing the new-government in Buenos Aires

At a press conference last week someone asked Argentina's new economy minister. Señor Bernardo Grinspun: exactly how much money the country owed

its foreign creditors.

At first Senor Grinspun was silent, then came a rueful grin and the answer: "That's what I'd like to know".

If anything, the minister's reply was simply an accurate indication of the magnitude of the economic crisis President Raul Alfonsin faces after taking power from a discredited military regime.

For Argentines tired after more than seven years of repressive and inept military rule. Schor Alfonsin's inaugur-ation on December 10 was a moment of euphoria, celebrated by thousands who danced in the streets until dawn.
A new mood of optimism

and confidence took hold of the country and it was reflected even in Buenos Aires' thriving currency black market, usually an accurate barometer of the

The "parallel" exchange rate for the dollar has not risen at all since Seftor Alfonsin was elected on October 30, while the spread between the official and black market rates has closed from nearly 100 per cent a few months ago to just 6 per cent

now.
Last Friday the Argentine President went on television to give the first details of his economic plans. These include ax reforms, a national food programme and a pledge to make a sharp cut in the country's budget deficit. "Today we have begun a battle to defeat inflation and reacti-

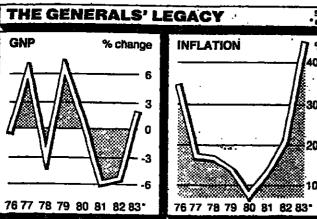
vate the economy", he declared. Behind that confidence, however, is the reality of the crisis which Senor Alfonsin must solve if he is to fulfil his campaign promise to bring "100 years of peace and prosperity"

The foreign debt. Latin America's largest after Brazil and Mexico, tops the list of problems. Private economists estimate it will be in the neighbourhood of \$45 billion by the year's end and the Government is already nearly \$10 billion in arrears. Another \$9 billion in interest and principal payments fall due during Señor Alfonsm's first year in office.

Nor are prospects much brighter on the domestic front, with inflation calculated at almost 450 per cent for 1983 and still rising.

Domestic industry, hit hard by the military government's policy of unrestricted imports, is operating at less than 60 per cent of capacity, and problems with the foreign debt have virtually paralyzed commercial credit necessary to import vital

How Alfonsin plans to bring Argentina back from the brink



materials. Total unemployment and underemployment is at about 10 per cent and the state's budget deficit is an unprecedented 15 per cent of gnp. To tackle this mess, President

Alfonsin has engaged the services of a team of neo-Keynesian economists from the traditional wing of his Radical Party who have said that their main virtue will be a pragmatic approach to the country's

Señor Grinspum is a special-

Recovery depends on steady grain prices, goodwill from abroad and a little luck

ist in trade and finance issues who was at the head of the central bank during the last Radical government in 1963. The new central bank president, Señor Enrique Garcia Vazquez, was formerly vice-president of the same institution.

According to Radical Party sources, the New government will have a two-pronged strategy: stop-gap measures aimed at resolving the most immediate problems and buying time for the implementation of a longerterm programme.

The new package of measures indicates that the new regime has quickly diagnosed what

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The government will also

seek assistance from the Inter-

national Monetary Fund in

repaying the debt. A high official of the Alfonsin adminis-

tration, possibly the central

bank president Seftor Garcia

Vazquez, is expected to travel to

Officials have

been unable to

determine the

size of the

deficit, let

alone trim it

Only \$650m of that agree-

ment was paid out by the IMF.

and Argentina will probably try

to convince the governors to ease the conditions of the loan

Washington soon to seek reactivation of a \$1.65 billion

needs to be done and is making reach an acceptable solution" the kind of noises that the West should like. Senor Alfonsin said that the Government was aiming for 5 per cent economic that it wanted to cut the budget deficit to 4 per cent. The programme would include cuts in the defence budget. Whether

through is another matter. rough is another matter. stand-by agreement which lap-The government's first action sed in September when the was to slap price controls on a military government failed to long list of consumer goods to try to counter "excessive" price out in the agreement. rises in recent weeks.

Senor Alfonsin can carry it

Government officials have repeatedly said of the foreign debt that the Alfonsin administration will do its best to meet its obligations, if this does not interfere with the development of the domestic economy. That philosophy was put into

practice last week, as amid some confusion Schor Alfonsin's government told foreign creditor banks that it was unable to renegotiate \$8 billion in public sector debt as previously agreed and asked for six month's grace in which to reschedule a total of \$19 billion of debt falling due between 1982

Foreign bankers interpreted seek a new stand-by agreement the move as an effort to to facilitate the rescheduling of establish a strong negotiating the private bank debt before position from which to seek compromise on repayment terms. "We are going to see six months of a poker game in which each side tries to outbluff the other", said a Beunos Aires executive of an American will have to give in a bit to of which will be diverted to problems."

interest payments on the debt. Most bankers agree that with steady world grain prices, continued good harvests, goodwill from foreign governments and a little luck in rescheduling problem loans. Argentina could overcome its debt crisis in a few

years.

The task of rebuilding the domestic economy, racked by recession and inflation, will be

President Alfonsin faces the qually important but contradictory goals of trying to revive Argentina's prostrate industry and implement much-needed social programmes while at the same time having to fight inflation by cutting back public spending.

The Radical Party economists had devised a plan to reduce inflation which was based on the reduction of the public sector deficit, and lower interest rates, but also relied heavily on the cooperation of private business and labout in pricing and wage agreements, the fact that it had to impose 48-day price controls in the last few days indicates that the government may be off to a bad start with the business community and that its hoped-for social pact may be in danger.

Reducing the budget deficit may prove an equally Herculean task for President Alfonsin: The new treasury officials have reportedly not even been able to determine its exact size, let alone start to trim it. With Argentina's overgrown public sector representing 45 per cent of gnp. some experts estimate that the state's deficit could be as high as 15 per cent of gnp.

Despite this daunting pros-pect the government believes it has found the key to boosting needed social spending without fucling inflation: this is the country's military budget, which is believed to account for 40 per cent of total state

President Alfonsin plans to use all the political qower which his 52 per cent election victory gives him to cut back the military budget, taking advantage of the armed forces considerable unpopularity at the moment to bring them under tight control, politically and economically. Whether this strategy bears

to obtain the remaining \$1 billion. It will also probably fruit before the inevitable erosion of any government's popularity sets in will depend the political acumen and economic imagination of the president's advisers. But, as one businessman said: "Even if By restricting imports of luxury goods and boosting traditional exports of grain and Alfonsin accomplishes nothing cattle products. Senor Alfonelse, if he controls the military sin's economic team is confident it can repeat last year's he will have gone a long way bank. Eventually, both sides \$3.5 billion surplus, \$2 billion towards solving the country's

to mixed reviews

his last council meeting before leaving the Abbey National to head the Mirror Group. Whether it was an ovation of was telling.

Gratitude is genuinly felt by many involved in housing finance who found Mr Thornton's influence stimulating. Even those with a cynical eye to the publicity purpose behind his bold statements saw him as a

Sighs of relief, by contrast, may well have been heard, not just from those traditionalists who mistrust the whole basis of the new competitive approach amongst societies. For even if one accepts all the arguments for freer markets in housing finance and savings, it is questionable how much longer Mr Thoraton's "thinking the unthinkable" in public could have helped the cause of

catalyst to other

The flies on the walls at the

Building Societies Association

BSA) say that Mr Clive

Thornton received a warm ovation from his colleagues at

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Progress.
Three main strands can be distinguished from his many public statements and initiatives over the past five years:

• First, and foremost, his original desire to involve building societies more directly in housing renovation, in inner city revival and in building

• Second, his memorable patenting of the Granny Bond name to challenge head on the Government's attack with index-linked investments on the societies' staple retail savings market – a move which became symbolic, if not necessarily the cause, of the rapid expansion in premium savings products by societies over the past three

Third, his challenge to the BSA's recommended rate struc-

The first two of these themes have long ceased to make news.

premium products is now an established part of building societies' operations. They account for almost all of their net inflows, against one-third in 1980. Their growth indeed reflects the natural evolution of

market pressures.
These pressures are consistently stronger on demand for mortgage finance, which continues to outstrip supply. Altractive net-of-tax interest costs and the expansion of home-ownership keep up that pressure. Building societies naturally concentrate their

creative energies on devising smarter ways to raise their share of the supply.

Twas ever thus. Only the methods change. A decade ago the way was through expanding breach materials to increase. branch networks to increase customer flow, today the way lies through designing premium and wholesale savings prod-ucts, combined with tighter margin control.

As for putting the "building" role back into building societies, to revive one of Mr Thornton's favourile early quotations, that has moved from the press notice to the drawing-board, from the headline to the bottom line. It is now down to hard graft at street and site level.

Several societies besides the Abbey National have been quietly setting up the necessary systems, vehicles and staff to fulfil this wider housing role. Their scale of operations is still small, when set against the total housing finance market and the press fanfare which preceded it. It all takes time, patience, skill and solid work mundane but effective qualities which do not offer natural beseline material.

Not surprisingly, the media attention in recent months has been focused on Mr Thornton's third main theme - his challenge to the grip of the so-called BSA "cartel". That grip has been loosened. As

ation no longer recommends, it "advises". Members are no longer obliged to inform the association 28 days in advance short-call money.

This move provoked the rumour that the Abbey might be the first society to make the full break by cutting unilaterally its share rate. Comment and counter-comment from flew thick and fast across the news pages. Nothing has happened. Money flows in and out of the societies at rising and record levels, and the basic mortgage and share rates stay at 11½ per cent and 7½ per cent

respectively. Hindsight is an easy game Yet did any serious analyst of housing finance believe those rumours that Mr Thornton would go out with the big bang of a unilateral mortgage rate cut by the Abbey National before the new year?

It would have been commercial lunacy, even if other money market rates had turned lower. for a society to cut the price of a mortgage product for which demand was buoyant and price inelastic. And doubly so if that would effectively have meant increasini its price on the savings product, demand for has become almost electrically sensitive to margidal price movements.

The first leading society which truly breaks the BSA "cartel" is unlikely to cut its mortgage rate in advance of its competitors; rather it will be, in from today, the society which unilaterally raises its savings rates. Then it will be responding, of course, to early signs of serious mortgage shortage. Plus ca change . . .

The author is economist with the National Federation of **Building Trades Employers.**

Jamie Stevenson

New chief at Austin and Pickersgill

British Shipbullders: Mr K. Douglas, managing director of Austin and Pickersgill, Sunderland, is retiring on January 1. He will be succeeded by Mr G. H. Parker, who is divisional managing director of ship repair at British Shipbuilders, and will

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part-time basis until the end of January. Mr P. C. M. Thompson, who is on secondment to British Shipbuilders from the continue in this position on a Department of Trade and

ation secretary on January 1. He succeeds Mr F. E. Noah, who will become commercial director of Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering

Britoil: Mr Robert Speirs will become director of finance and planning next May.

Base Lending

ABN Bank Barclays Consolidated Crds Continental Trust Nat Westminster ... £10,000, 5\%; £10,000 up to £60,000, 6\%; £50,000 and

Losses continue at Volkswagen

983 group turn around DM 4 billion (£987m) from DM 37.4 billion last year, a company spokesman said. But another net loss of DM 300m is

The spokesman said world vehicle sales were provisionally set to reach 2.12 million this year against 1982's 2.11 million and "are expected to rise further in the coming months."

Unsatisfactory performance by the company's Latin Ameri-

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can subsidiaries was the main reason why the group's net loss rose to DM 247 millions in the first nine months of this year from DM 146 million in the same period last year.

Interim profits jump Hamburg, (Reuter) – Volkswagenwerk (VW) expects 67% at Halma

Halma whose interest include anti-terrorist security: equipment and environmental control products, has reported first-half profits 67 per cent up on the same period last year.

Mr David Barber, chairman and managing director, forecast record profits for the full year. Pre-tax profits in the six months to October 1 jumped to £1:27m on turnover up from £7.8m to £9.75m in its last full year.

During the half Halma brought Wilkinson and Simpwhich makes chemical tablets for water testing. The purchase price was about £1 m, subject to W & S's profits to March 1984 and it also bought Apollo Manufacturing, which makes smoke detectors, for

The company's subsidiaries smoke venting equipment for the construction industry. Its

Half-year to 1.10.83 Pretax profit £1.27m (853,000)
Stated earnings 2.28p (1.57p)
Turnover £9.75m (£7,80m)
Net interim dividend 0.606p

(0.505p) Share price 131 – Yield 1.178

benefiting from the improve-ment in the US economy. Those that manufacture antiterrorist bomb blankets, closed circuit televisions for shops and document destructors which disintegrate paper more effectively than shredders are also benefiting from heightened tensions.

has been so successful that it is being split from the existing company. Standard Engineering will concentrate on sales machhave all produced good profits, inery to the repair market and a new company. Standard Machinery, will sell to manufacturing industry.

The American companies are

The company's shoe division

The dividend for the first six closure in November should months has been raised from help the balance sheet in the 0.505p to 0.606p. The shares were up 5p at 131p.

National Computer Competition

Early in the New Year, following the success of The Times Classroom Computer Competiton, which attracted thousands of entries, Computer Horizons will be launching a national competition open to all. The aim of the competition is to find the best original use of a microcomputer for a socially useful purpose, which could be a novel computer program or the innovative use of a computer peripheral. Contestants,

who may represent schools, colleges, clubs

or associations or enter as individuals, will be required to provide a proposal in no more than 1000 words for judging on a regional basis. Ten regional winners, with runnersup, will be selected and the ten winners will take part next Easter in a national final at the London Computer Festival. There will be valuable prizes and the national winners will have the opportunity of demonstrating their applications at the Festival. Full

Spencer and Sarah are the final winners

A boy aged 13 and a 15-year-old C; 4) B; 5) B. girl are the winners of The Times Classroom Computer twelfth competition. They are Spencer Doane of The Wells House School, Malvern Wells, Worcester, and Sarah Turner of Dr Challoner's High School, Buckinghamshire.

The winning decision was made by a tie-break question.

The winners will both receive an Atari 600XL computer for their schools, and personal gift of The Times Atlas of World

History. The eight runners-up are Whitehouse, Worle Whitehouse, Mark School. Weston-super-Mare, The winning decision was nade by a tie-break question.

The winning decision was Avon; Alastair George, Herts & Essex High School, Bishops Stortford; Rachel Thomson,

details will be published next month.

port, Merseyside; Raymond Blake, Seevic School, Benfleet, Essex; Paul Mellor, Aberdeen Grammar School, Aberdeen, Scotland: Toby Winch, Heath-field High School, Congleton,

Cheshire; Kay Maynard, Southmoor School Sunderland, Tyne & Wear; Julia Cummins. Perse School for Girls Cambridge.



SARAH TURNER, 16, plays the inevitable games on a Spectrum, but is now hoping to use it in a Young Enterprise project she is running with a local group. They are now marketing crackers, but will move to ear-rings in the New Year. She is taking O level computer studies, and thinks that her knowledge of computers will be useful in her chosen career of pharmacy. Her computer teacher, Mrs E. Hoare has two RMLs and two BBCs available, but work is in hand for a new computer lab which will be equipped with a BBC network system.

Girls are showing

By Geoffrey Ellis

When we launched The Times Classroom Computer Competition, we had no idea of the extent of the popularity it was likely to achieve among our school-age readers. They reacted to it wholeheartedly with entries totalling more than

A surprisingly high percentage of answers were correct each week. An average of 63 per cent of the Over 15 age group had all

There was a wide geographical spread but some specific areas, notably Scotland and Bristol, appeared more than

computing although a comparitively new one, is heavily male dominated, so it was encouraging to see a good proportion of girls either as winners or runners up. At least two schools, by

consistently good entries, won two Atari computers each, and others had both a computer winner and Atlas runner up. Staff showed an impressive enthusiasm for the subject, and

alking to them I found that an increasing number of their pupils are turning from playing games to writing more serious applications programs. Schools varied widely in their equipment. A selection of micros, ranging from Sinclair

ZX81s, Spectrums, PETS, VIC

20s, BBCs and RMLs were in The use of micros in other areas of teaching is growing while physics, geography and maths departments are fairly common users, some of the more innovative schools are now offering word processing in their commercial studies

classes, bypassing the conventional typewriting class.

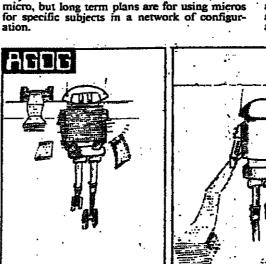
The results show that the spread of technology is not concentated only in the South East. Some of the most innovative schools that I spoke to were

TEST CASE Take British Auways They're currently having the Sony Interactive Video System fitted at their Heathrow headquarters. It's the most advanced industrial teaching aid available, and can be used in individual or group situations. Norman Thirkettle, Training Superintendent of the British Airways Operations Department, is delighted with his new system. The student learns quiddy not to be distracted and learning curves remain at a plateau throughout the study period. It is a very useful training system indeed." XEW produced an initial package for assessment and were most helpful dunng our evaluation trials. Their after-sales service has also Whatever your business needs, REW Video consultancy will design and the by you the system you require, at the price you want. With nation-wide 1. Supservice that is second to none. Contact our sales office. TEL: 01-870 9711/10 LINES, TELEX: 8814193 REW G.

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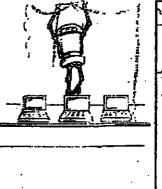


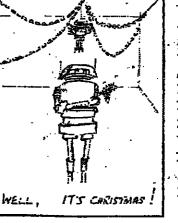
SPENCER DOANE, 13, uses his Commodore

64 at home with his two brothers. They are now

attempting to write their first programs, being

content up to now to play games. He enjoys plastic modelling, carpentry and metal detecting. At school he is captain of the rugby team and enjoys shooting and archery. At present, computing is in its infancy at school, where they have available one PET and one BBC





The clause contained four separate sentences, but while each fell to be analysed in detail, each had also to be related to the other so

as to construe clause 13 as a whole.

To say that the grammar of those four sentences and indeed the

drafting was in many places sadly

added seriously to their compli-

While the first three sentences of

clause 13 were concerned with

stating for what the owners would

and would not be liable, the fourth was concerned with those matters

Having regard to the obligations

imposed on the charterers by, in particular, clause 4 which required the charterers to provide and pay

for many things including bunkers and loading and discharging, it was doubtful whether the fourth sen-

tence of the clause imposed greater liabilities than would in any event

The principles applicable to the construction of the exception

clauses in charters were set out in the judgment of Lord Justice Bowen in Burton v English ((1883) 12 QBD 218) when he said:

"There is ... another rule of construction which one would bring to bear upon this charterparty, and that is, that one must see if this stipulation which we have got to

construe is introduced by way of exception or in favour of one of the

parties to the contract, and if so, we must take care not to give it an extension beyond what is fairly necessary, because those who wish

the charter or at common law.

Before Lord Diplock, Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Roskill and Lord Brandon of

[Speeches delivered December 15] The House of Lords considered the scope of clause 13 of the Baltime charterparty in allowing an appeal by the charterers. Tor Line AB from decision of the Court of Appeal (Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Dillon and Sir Denys Buckley) (The Times April 8, 1983) who on March 30, 1983 allowed an appeal by the owners, Allurans Group of Canada Ltd from the judgment on January 20, 1982 of Mr Justice Bingham (The Times January 25, 1982; [1982] I Lloyd's Rep 617) who had held inter that in favour of the charterers, that the umpire had come to the correct conclusion on the effect of the

Clause 13 of the Baltime form provides: The owners only to be responsible for delay in delivery of the vessel or for delay during the currency of the charter and for loss or damage to goods on board, if such delay or loss has been caused by want or due diligence on the part of the owners or their manager in of the owners or their manager.

"The owners not to be responthe owners not to be respon-sible in any other case nor for camage or delay whatsoever and howsoever caused even if caused by the neglect or default of their

"The owners not to be liable for loss or damage arising or resulting from strikes, lock-outs or stoppage or restraint of lebour or vehicles (including the master, officers or crew) whether partial or general.

Regina v Central Criminal

Court, Ex parte Boulding
It was a breach of the rules of

natural justice for a court to bind an

accused person over in anything greater than a trivial sum without looking at his means and allowing

him to make representations as to

the amount of the recognizance.

Lord Justice Walkins, sitting in

the Oueen's Bench Divisional Court with Mr Justice Taylor on December 12 so held, granting an application by Mr Stephen Boulding

for judicial review by way o

certiorari to quash an order of the Central Criminal Court on January

19, on appeal from the Mansion House Justices, binding him over to

keep the peace and be of good behaviour for two years in the sum

Means inquiry before

binding over

for loss or damage caused to the vessel or to the owners by goods being loaded contrary to the terms of the charter or by improper or careless bunkering or loading, stowing or discharging of goods or any other improper or negligent act on their part or that of their servants."

Mr Kenneth Rokison, QC and Mr the clause did not solve the Stephen Tomlinson for the charterproblems of construction but merely ers: Mr Bernard Rix, QC and Mr Michael Tugendhat for the owners.

LORD ROSKILL said that the owners were the charterers by demise of the TFL Prosperity. By a time charter dated April 24, 1979 the owners in that capacity time chartered the vessel to the charterers for six months and ten days on a Baltime Uniform Time Charter form. To the 25 clauses of the printed form the parties added typed clauses numbered 26 to 60

The vessel was of a type known as "roll on/roll off" and the charterers required her for their "roll on/roll ' liner service between Europe and the Middle East. It was no doubt for that reason that clause 26, the first of the additional typed clauses, specified in great detail the description of certain fixed structural attributes of the vessel together with particulars of her speed and

consumption.
Clause 26 specified under the heading "Free Heights" that the main deck was to be 6.10 m. In fact the free height of the main deck at one critical point was only 6.05 m.
As a result a Mafi trailer double stacked with 40ft containers could not be loaded on the main deck.

The charterers claimed damage from the owners, mainly for loss of freight, but there was also a small claim for damages for delay. The owners raised various defences but the only one which now remained

HIS LORDSHIP said although,

following the decision in R v Woking Justices, Ex parte Gossage ([1973] QB 448), there was no

general obligation on a court to allow a defendant, even if acquitted,

an opportunity to make represen-tations before binding him over, it

was impossible to see how it could arrive at a proper and suitable figure

for the recognizance in the absence of any information as to the

inquire into the defendant's means.

before imposing the recognizance as

the imposition of an unduly large recognizance could work very great

injustice to the defendant.

to introduce words in a contract in order to shield themselves ought to **Delay by prosecution**

Regina v Guildhall Justices, Ex require the prosecution to disclene parte Carson-Selman whether they had a case to proceed which savoured of being a particle case against the defendant on parte Knight Regins v Guildhall Justices, Ex parte Pimm

In an extreme case where the n an extense case where the prosecution's delay in serving committal papers and bringing on a committal hearing had been truly excessive, examining justices did have power on a further application for an adjournment and remand to

Justice Mann) so stated on December 14, dismissing three applications for judicial review of a decision of the justices to grant a further adjournment of committal proceedings against the applicants.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Watkins and):

No bottle trade mark Accordingly, unless the amount In re Coca-Cola Company's Trade Marks Act 1938 the "distinctive shape and appearance" of their bottles. The section defined

of the recognizance was trivial, it application was a denial of natural justice not to A Coca-Co A Coca-Cola bottle was not a a mark as including "a device, heading, label, ticker, name, signature, word, letter, numeral, or any combination thereof" but did not trade mark, Mr Justice Falconer held in the Chancery Division on December 14, on applications by the Coca-Cola Co to register as a trade combination thereof' but mark under section 68 (1) of the

Applying those principles, with-out regard to any of the decided cases, it was not possible to construe clause 13 as a whole and in particular the second sentence as protecting the owners against liability for the breach of clause 26, which in the umpire's and Mr Justice Bingham's view they Justice Bingham's vi-undoubtedly committed.

However, there was nothing in the decided cases which would lead to a different conclusion from that which was reached solely upon the language of clause 13. It followed that upon its true construction clause 13 did not in any event afford the owners a defence to the claim by the charterers.

If clause 13 were to be construed

so as to allow a breach of the warranties as to description in ciezze 26 to be committed or a failure to deliver the vessel at all to take place without financial redress to the charterers, the charter virtually ceased to be a contract for the letting of the vessel and the performance of services by the owners, their masters, officers and crew in consideration of the payment of time charter hire, and became no more than a statement of intent by the owners in return for which the charterers were obliged to pay large sums by way of hire, though if the owners failed to carry out their promises as to description or delivery, were entitled to nothing

It was difficult to believe that that could accord with the true common intention of the parties and that conclusion could not accord with the true construction of the charter in which the parties were supposed to have expressed that true common intention in writing.

Lord Diplock, Lord Fraser, Lord Keith and Lord Brandon agreed. Solicitors: Ingledew Brown Ben-nison & Garrett; Clyde & Co.

having the charges

Arresting ship as arbitration security

Justice Slade and Lord Justice Robert Goff [Judgment delivered December 19] On an application by a plaintiff who had issued a writ in an action in rem, the admiralty court had jurisdiction to arrest a ship even when the plaintiff's purpose was simply to obtain security for an

award in arbitration proceedings: but the intentions and conduct of the plaintiff in invoking that jurisdiction were matters to be taken into account by the court when deciding whether or not to exercise the power of arrest. The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the owners

of cargo lately on board the ship Andria now renamed Vasso, from the decision of Mr Justice Sheen on June 23, 1982, ordering that an undertaking given by the P & I Club of the respondents, the owners of the ship, given in order to procure the release of the ship arrested by the appellants, should be dis-

charged.

Mr Roger Buckley, QC and Miss
Hilary Heilbron for the appellants;
Mr Julian Flaux for the respon-GOFF, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellants had a

an ad hoc arbitration agreement. after which arbitration proceedings were pursued in the ordinary way.

The respondents subsequently sold the ship, which was renamed Vasso, but since the appellants had issued an admiralty writ in rem while the vessel was still in the respondents' ownership, and had subsequently renewed it, the admiralty court's jurisdiction could be invoked in order to arrest the ship, thus providing security for the appellant's claim. An affidavit in the usual form was

filed and a warrant for the arrest of the ship was issued. However, no mention had been made in the affidavit of the parties' agreement to After negotiation, the appellants

agreed to release the ship on an undertaking from the respondents P & I Club, the United Kingdom Mutual Steam Ship Assurance Association (Bermuda) Ltd.

The respondents then applied by motion for a declaration that the admiralty court had had no jurisdiction to arrest the ship, and for an order discharging the undertaking given to the appellants.

Mr Justice Sheen held that since the only purpose in arresting the of the Supreme Court, the court had jurisdiction to hear the type of claim in removed on the writ, then, under the only purpose in arresting the

Re The Andria now renamed Claim against the respondents for damage to goods carried on board the ship Andria. After the commencement of proceedings in the High Court, the parties entered into the distriction to arrest the ship. He therefore arrivation to had jurisdiction to arrest the ship. He therefore arrivation of the ship was to obtain security for any damage to goods carried on board the arbitrations, and not to hear and determine any claim, the court had not had jurisdiction to arrest the ship. He therefore arrivations are the ship was to obtain security for any damage to goods carried on board the ship was to obtain security for any damage to goods carried on board the ship was to obtain security for any damage to goods carried on board the ship was to obtain security for any damage to goods carried on board the ship Andria. not had jurisdiction to arrest the ship. He therefore ordered the udertaking to be discharged.

He based that decision on his own decision in The Maritime Trader ([1981] 2 Lloyd's Rep 153) in which he followed earlier decisions of Mr Justice Brandon (as he then was) in The Cap Bon ([1967] I Lloyd's Rep 543) and The Rena k ([1979] I QB 377).

His Lordship said that while the court had the greatest respect for

any opinion expressed by Lord Brandon (as he now was), he was trashed (as he with his view that the admiralty court had no jurisdiction to arrest a ship where the purpose of the plaintiff was simply to obtain security for an arbitration award.

His Lordship was unable to conceive of a case where the iurisdiction of the court deper on the purpose of the plaintiff in

invoking it.

Where under sections 1(1) and 3(4) of the Administration of Justice Act 1956 (now sections 20(2) and 21(4) of the Supreme Court Act 1981) the court had jurisdiction to hear the true of claim in sections.

ship. But the exercise of that power w not mandatory, and it followed that the court's discretion in exercising the power might be affected by the manner in which, or the purpose for which, the plaintiff had proceeded.

On the law as it stood at present. the court's jurisdiction to arrest as ship in an action in rem should not be exercised for the purpose of providing security for an award which might be made in arbitration. proceedings, because the purpose of the power was to provide security.

That might change when, evening ally, section 26 of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Au 1982 came into force.

for an action in rem.

In the present case, by pursuing proceedings both in court and by arbitration, and by failing to disclose the arbitration proceedings. in their ex parts application for the warrant of arrest, the appellants had abused the process of the court abused the process of the court.

It followed that, while the declaration granted by Mr Justice Sheen had been wrong, the Court of Appeal would not, in its discretion interfere with the judge's order discharging the undertaking from the respondent's P & I Club.

Dominant purpose test for privilege

In re Highgrade Traders Ltd Before Lord Justice Oliver and Lord Justice Robert Goff [Judgment delivered December 16]

The claims officer of an insurance company, which refused to meet a claim for fire damage by the liquidator of an insolvent company on the alleged ground of arson by the company's controllers, was not liable to produce to the court, under section 268(3) of the Companies Act 1948, certain reports concerning the sause of the fire because their "dominant" or "single wider purpose" was to obtain legal advice

The Court of Appeal so held. allowing an appeal by Mr A. J.
Alexander, the claims officer, from
the dismissal by Mr Justice Mervyn Davies on December 3, 1982, (The Times, December 9, 1982) of Mr Alexander's motion for the discharge of an order, made by Mr Registrar Bradburn on April 30, 1982, on the application of Mr Bernard Phillips, the liquidator of Highgrade Traders Ltd, that Mr Alexander should be examined on oath and be required to produce any documents, records or reports, in the custody, power or control of the Phoenix Assurance Co Ltd. which related to Highgrade Traders Ltd.

Mr Michael Turner, QC and Mr

Patrick Twigg for the appellant, Mr Michael Crystal and Mr Richard Adkins for the liquidator.

LORD JUSTICE OLIVER said

consequence of a fire which had occurred in highly suspicious circumstances at the premises of Highgrade Traders Ltd on June 30, 1980. Sidney Balcombe & Co, fire assessors, had submitted a claim against the insurers on behalf of the company on July 31, 1980.

The insurers' solicitors had considered that litigation might ensue and had asked the insurers to obtain a fully detailed report. Thereafter, three reports had been complied for the insurers by, respectively, (1) Pyecroft & Arnold, loss aduptors on September 2. loss adjustors, on September 2, 1980; (2) Hogg, Bullimore & Co. chartered accountants, on February 13, 1981; and (3) Dr J H Burgoyne gators, on February 26, 1981. On April 27, 1981, the insurers had written to the company stating that as they were satisfied that the fire had been deliberately and frandulently started, they were not

prepared to meet the claim. In July 1981, it was resolved that the company be wound up voluntarily and Mr Phillips was appointed liquidator. In pursuance of his duty to the creditors, he applied for a section 268 order against the appellant, the respon-sible claims officer of the insurers, to examine him and to compel him produce the three reports concerned. The appellant refused, claiming that the reports were

privile On behalf of the liquidator, Mr

Crystal conceded that if the Chelsea had described the two appellant could show that the purposes for which the document reports were privileged, a section 268 order could not extend to them. Mr Justice Mervyn Davies had concluded, inter alia, that the reports had been commissioned for a dual purpose and that the evidence showed that the dominant purpose had been to find out the cause of the fire and not for litigation. But he appeared to have misinterpreted the effect of the relevant authorities on the facts

In Grant v Downs ((1976)135 CLR 674,677) Chief Justice Barwick had held that a document would be privileged if it had been brought into existence for the "dominant purpose" of obtaining legal advice or aid in litigation, such litigation or aid in litigation, such litigation being a reasonable prospect at that time. In Waugh v British Railways Board ([1980]AC 521, 544) Lord Edmund-Davies, having adopted that test, continued: "Dominant purpose, then... should now be declared by this House to be the touchstone. It is less stringent than "sole" purpose. "Thus the fact "sole" purpose ...". Thus, the fact that the person who produced or commissioned the document had in mind other uses would not preclude privilege providing it had had the requisite "dominant" purpose.

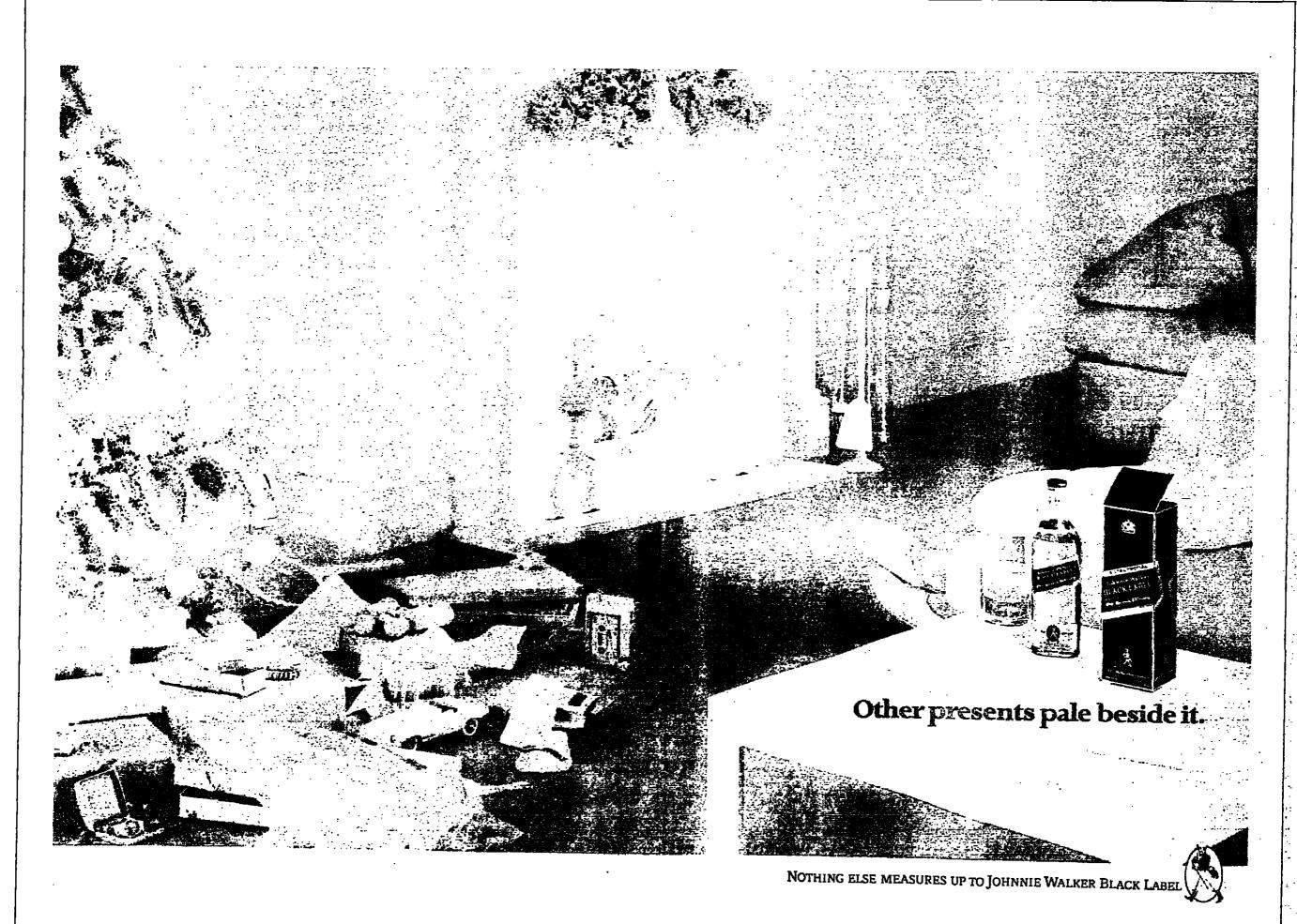
That was not inconsistent with an earlier decision of the House of Lords in Alfred Crompton Amuse-ment Machines Ltd v Customs & Excise Commissioners ([1974] AC

there concerned had been produced as forming a "single wider purpose". Applying those tests to the present case, The judge had concluded that the main purpose of the reports had been to ascertain the cause of the fire, while obtaining cause of the fire, while obtaining legal advice in the event of litigation had only been a secondary purpose. His Lordship was unable to agre-that such a duality of purpose had existed. The only reason for discovering the cause of the fire way to ascertain whether there had been fraud. It was clear that if the claim was persisted in, litigation would

follow.

Knowing the cause of the fire was of no use on its own: the insurers were not pursuing an academic interest in the possibilities of spontaneous combustion. It was incontrovertible that the insurers had formed a view early on in the dispute that litigation was prob Since the documents were, in his Lordship's opinion, therefore privithe appellant would be able on examination to provide any infor-mation about the fire which did not spring from those reports, his Lordship would exercise his discretion to quash the whole of the section 268 order.

Lord Justice Robert Goff agreed Solicitors: Lawrance Messer &



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BASKETBALL

Kingston

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nowhere more so, it seems, that at Kingcraft Kingston. The first division club, who parted company with two players from the United States last season, have dismissed the more

two more.

Tom Broderick, # 6fl Sin centre

from New Jersey and Millen Ellison, a 6ft 2in guard from Oklahoma, were told after

Ellison. a off the guarder of Oklahoma. were told after Saundray's game with Austin-Rover Sunderland that they were no longer required. Last season the departure of Ray Price from Kingston was followed by that of his replacement. John Witey.

Jim Guymon, Kingston's American couch, has wasted no time beinging an replacements from

American coach, has wasted no time bringing in replacements from California. Two forwards. Garv Hopkins. 6ft 7m. from the University of Santa Clara, and Kevin Lucas. a renowned bit 4m marksman from California Polytechnic, should be ready for kinstends opening game in the new

Polytecnnic, snould be ready for Kingston's opening game in the new year. Neither has been seen by Guymon, who after acting on the information of his contacts in the States, admitted: "It's a gamble, hur we're losing and the sponsors are unhappy."

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Guymon simply lost patience with the pair he has released.

They've had some atrocious games. he said. "They're good people, nice people, and they get along with the other players, but I'm not happy with their leadership qualities or their ability to score the hie haskets when it really counts.

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We can't be happy with our record
(Kingston have won nine games and lost 11 this season. "It's too inconsisten."

Guymon was particularly unhappy with the off-the-court attitude of Broderick and Elisson.

attitude of Broderick and Ellison, who live together near the club's court Tolworth. "They're lazy and just sit around the house all day watching television. Neither guy works hard enough and I won't tolerate that. They should have been working on their game. The gym is always available, but they seemed to tire of ofavine."

Both players were given a three-week ultimatum by Guymon -impress or else. Broderick ex-plained: "He laid it on the line but

he put a lot of pressure on us and I think he's made a mistake. He's a

second-year coach and he has showed his inexperience. A coach

should instil confidence in his players but he never did that with

me. To cut your American players

in mid-season can do more harm than good." Guymon replied: "I

warned the guy, I threatened him, and really I should have got rid of

him six weeks ago."
Ellison seems likely to join
Sporting Belfast, and Kingston are
trying to fix Broderick up with
another Irish club. Both excelled on

came too late. Broderick scored 24

Spurs gain nearly £½m from sponsors

Totisaham Hotspar yesterday announced a £425,000 sponsorahip deal with Holsten Distributors Limited antil the end of the 1985/86 Season, Holston, the lager brewers, have a package which includes shirt advertising, ground and programme advertising, match day sponsorship, the use of facilities suside Totten-ham's new West Stand and other

"It's very good news for the club", the Spurs assistant manager Peter

Holsten, who also sponsor Hamburg, the European champious, have joined the ranks of the big money backer. The money they are money sacker. Ine money they are paying is comparable to the amount Manchester United and Liverpool collect from Sharp and Crown Paint respectively. Holsten had a dummy run last Friday when they spousored Spurs for the live TV game at Manchester United. They were pleased with the outcome — although pleased with the outcome – although Spurs had to drop from their original asking price of £700,000.

Let me get on with my job - Pleat

Luton manager. David Pleat, vesterday pleaded to be left to get on with his job at Kenilworth Road after the speculation linking him ith the Arsenal managership

Pleat said his contract with Luton was not as long term as some people thought but added: "The persistent rumours about my future are quite and jut want to be left to get on with

Colin Appleton will tell Swansea City today whether he wants become their new manager. The Hull City manager said after talks with Swansea chairman Doug Sharpe: "I am considering the club's their manager, Alec Ferguson, says. He is too down-to-earth and realistic to allow pie-in-the-sky illusions to interfere with the task in

The ban on Swansea bringing new players, has been partially lifted to allow them to sign free transfer men. to prevent his players from believing the matches have already been won. Everything appears to be and non contract players, and to borrow from other clubs. Swansea, £1.5m in the red, are bottom of the Second Division.

Treble for **Priest in** Youth win

By George Chesterton Public Schools XI.

FA Youth XJ.... The FA Youth XI gave a sparkling performance of skilful football at the Bank of England ground, Rochampton. They were on the attack from the first whistle, with Anderson volleying over the bar within a minute of the start. Obi's speed on the right wing was well used. The England Youth inser sent over a string of crosses.

winger sent year a same after a quarter of an hour when Priest, of Chelsea, rathered the ball in midfield and bund the top corner of the net from

The Public Schools came back well and Elliott had a good scoring chance. His shot was partied by

The speed and skill of the FA made further goals inevitable. The second goal came from a goalmouth scramble with the ball partly cleared time and again until Anderson seized his chance and volleyed the ball into the top of the net. A minute later Priest again milde time to pick his spot and this time shot hard and low into the corner.

Early in the second half when for Priest to chip over Bail for his third goal.

At this stages, the Schools produced their best houself. Their passes were more accurate and they tested the FA's defence. Tapper put through Elion, who shot wide and minutes later Stopford, who throughout remained unrufiled in defence, ran the ball to Huntar's feet but again the Schools were thwarted by a solid defence.

Bail handled well and it was no ult of his that the fifth and final

Honouring Raul

Rio de Janeiro (AP) - Some of the greatest names in Brazilian football began to gather here yesterday to honour the veteran Brazilian goalkeeper, Ranl, who will retire with an exhibition game today at the Maracada stadium. Zioo, Falcao, Toninho Cerezo and Batista have already arrived from Rome. Local businessmen had raised \$1.5m in insurance in order for them to be able to play. Rivelino, a member of he Brazilian team that won the 1970 World Cup; will also play in the "All-Star" (case that faces a lamento XI.

Palace debt paid

A petition seeking the comput-ory winding up of Crystal Palace southell and Athletic Club was ismissed by consent in the High ourt yesterday, Mr Kevin Garnett, reasury counsel, who appeared for ac Costoms and Excise, claiming 29,125 VAT, told Mr Justice lourse that the debt and costs had

Whelan out of Liverpool side for Milk Cup encounter

Ronnie Whelan, the Liverpool player who scored the winning goal in last season's Milk Cup final, could miss tonight's fourth round match in the same competition against Birmingham City. At best he will be substitute – his rival is David Hodgson – as the Liverpool manager. Joe Fagan, keeps to the side which best Notus County 5-0 on Saturday.

Michael Robinson is still unfit, so Craig Johnston keeps his place in the forward line alongside Ian Rush and Kenny Dalglish, Birmingham, beaten 1-0 at Anfield three weeks ago and losers against Southampton on Saturday, are expected to be unchanged also. Howard Gayle will thus face his former colleagues. The winners of the tie will play Sheffield Wednesday in the fifth round. In the event of a draw the replay will be at Liverpool on Thursday.

The Notts County midfield player, Martin O'Neill, is facing up to a Christmas of inactivity after

the old firm of Celtic and Rangers to become Scotland's champions in Europe. "And it is also daunting."

Internazionale off the hook last week, over Apollonius Konijen-

unlikely to be fit until the New

Everton will be without their forward. Gracine Sharp, over season. Christmas. He has had the plaster removed from a damaged ankle but will not be resuming training until next week. His club colleague, Andy Gray, who missed Saturday's defeat at Queen's Park Rangers with a knee injury, will be fit for next Monday's match against Sunderland at match against Sunderland at Goodison Park

The Nottingham Forest central defender, Paul Hart, could be out of action for up to five weeks after suffering a facial injury in Satur-day's match with West Ham. Hart had an operation for a fractured cheek on Dunday and is expected to released from hospital by

being injured in a tackle with torward Mike Flanagan, has been Liverpool's Graeme Souness at transfer-listed at his own request. Anfield on Saturday, O'Neill, who was carried off after the incident, is £200,000 three years ago, has been concerned at the lack of chances for him in the first team squad having featured in it only five times this

Barnsley have dropped their interest in Aston Villa's midfield player, Des Bremner. Norman Hunter. Barnsley's manager, wanted Bremner on loan for last Saturday's game at Cartisle, when his side lost 4-2. But Villa's manager. Tony Barton, made it clear that the only way he would do a deal was if Barnsley bought him outright for Barnsley £35,000.

Norwich have beaten a number of other first division clubs in signing the 17-year-old Hillingdon forward Robert Rosario, who has signed professional forms. No fee is involved but Norwich have agreed to send their first team to play a discrete to the control of the control of

Aberdeen on flight of fancy

By Hugh Taylor

Aberdeen are ready tonight to take off on a football flight of fancy. At Pittodrie the side who have already been halled in a poll conducted by France's leading sports magazine as "the best team in Europe's line up against Hamburg in West Germany; they have a confident air after drawing 0.0 in the first leg with considerable case at Parkhead. They have a confident air after they have a confident air after drawing 0.0 in the first leg with the season's outstanding team with considerable case at Parkhead. They have a confident air after drawing 0.0 in the first leg with they are not been beaten at Pittodrie in a furnity in the suropean Cup holders is now merely the first stop on a grand tour. In the New Year they will be challenging for four more honours—the European Cup Winners' Cup, of which they are holders, the Scottish League flag, the Scottish Cup, and the Scottish League Cup.

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tonight.

Ferguson takes it all with a pinch
of salt. "We will have to be at our
best." he says. "That's really all
there is to it. If we play as we can play, we will become the first Scottish side to win the Super Cup. With the captain, Miller, back to soothe the defence, and Strachan, the master of the midfield, ready again for action, Aberdeen should be powerful and stylish enough to ensure that Hamburg do not emulate Nottingham Forest who, although underdogs following the

After a three-hour meeting the manager. Gunter Netzer. Hamburg's captain, Felix Magath, beginning "with Magath complained after the team's world club championship match in

Bearzot and Allodi in clash

Groningen club's manager, had an interesting echo in Florence. There, Italo Allodi, Inter's Mr Fix It in the Brian Gianville

good old days of Dezso Solti, and Juventus's general manager when Solti tried and failed to bribe the So too would a 1-0 win for Bulgaria.

The Bulgarian side has been rebuilt shrewtly by its manager, Ivan Vutsov with an emphasis on players from Lavski Spariak, though Portuguese referee to favour them against Derby County in 1973, is up against Derroy County in 1773, is up
in arms. General manager of
Fiorentina now – and chief
executive director – slated to return
to the Italian Football Federation in there are still key men from CSKA Sofia such as the powerful centreback. Dimitrov, a goal scorer at times, and the hard shooting left 1985, he is incused by remarks made by his old foe, Enzo Bearzot, Italys team manager, in a magazine

winger, Stoicho Mladenov.

Missing again from the Yugoslav
team will be their own promising
right winger. Stojkovic, who came
on at half-time in the recent
international match against France,
and had an excellent earns. He is Buenos Aires (Reuter) - Fears of a new strike by referees have arisen since nearbly 50 people were injured and two Argentine first division matches abandoned in a wave of and had an excellent game. He is now conscripted by the Army; a familiar Yugoslav story.

Another Yugoslav attacker, Bakoviolence on and off the pitch here.

team to climinate.

Sunday's game between Racing Avellaneds and Racing Cordoba was halted four minutes from the end ta, may be a thorn in the side of Nottingham Forest when they meet Sturm Graz next year in the UEFA Cup. Bakota helped his team qualify against Sportul Bucharest, but then when violent clashes broke between supporters and police. The match between Rosario Central and San Lorenzo was also stopped after 86 minutes when the players and referee were pelted with bottles by Rosario supporters whose team were losing I-O. Seven players had been already been sent off.

There, Bearzot, who has never forgives Allodi for his machinations in West Germany, as general manager of the Italian World Cup team, described Allodi as "able but dangerous". He did not want to say

congress. He can not want to say more, he pursued, for fear of "poisoning the ambience".

Alloci, fathous for his art collection, his generous gifts to journalists and his friendship with journalists and his friendship with referees, is up in arms. At first, it was supposed that Bearzot might be denounced by the Federation's procurator, for calumny. Then it grew clear that as manager of the Italian national team, he was not liable to such procedures.

When Bearzot, who would never attend the Federal Technical Centre at Coverciano (Florence), while Bail handled well and it was no fault of his that the fifth and final goal was put accurately past him by Lee a few minutes before the end.

Holders drawn away

Telford United will begin their defence of the FA Trophy with an away tie against Mossley, the losing finalists, in the first round of this season's competition on January 14.

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with British opposition is Rapid Vienna, drawn in the European Cup against Dundee United, first leg in Vienna. Hans Kranki leads the Rapid attack, and now refuses to play for Austria. But the chief threat of goals comes from the clever Czechoslovak veteran. Panenka, and his free kicks.

Roma, drawn against Dynamo' Berlin in the European Cup, let Prohaska go to make room fog Brazil's Cerezo, now teamed with his fellow international, Falcao. But the Roma midfield has suffered a heavy blow with the loss, through a knee injury, of the lively young Italian international, Ancelotti.

never play again. He recovered, however, in time to come on as substitute in their third round, Lazio, who sacked their Argentine manager. Moorone, and appointed the former youth coach. Carosio, last week, did rather better than second leg, game against Lokomotiv. Leipzig: Sturm Graz are no easy recently, drawing at home 2-2 with Zico's Udinese. Laudrup, the gifted young Danish forward, who has not been distinguishing himself so far. The other Austrian team in the The other Austrian team in the double header against English clubs is Klub Austria, who play Tottenham Hotspur. Keith Burkinshaw, Tottenham's manager, was interested to hear that the clubs had met before; a memorable summer match been distinguishing himself so far. had an excellent game. Zico an indifferent one, but a last minute equalizer frustrated Lazio and enraged their fans.

League Championship but, without Alf Ramsey, at right back, they floundered at White Hart Lane against a gifted Austrian side, inspired by the great attacking centre-half. Ocwirk. The elegant short passing of the Vienna School to the field; while in Florence, fighting outside the stadium after the match left 11 fans hadly hurt or stabbed.

Results from overseas leagues

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GREEK: Arts 2, Doca 1; Off 3, Eguiso 2; Paraserralicos 17, Ask 2; Larisa 2, Apolion Kalamerras 0; Yamarin 0, Ebraticos 0; Paol. 3, Apolion Kalamerras 0; Yamarin 0, Ebraticos 1; Panatificalitos 2; Ohrapintos 2, Italias 1, Pasatificalitos 2; Ohrapintos 2, Italias 1, Pasatificalitos 17, Alacellon 1; Forentins 0, AS Roma 0; Joventas 2, Internatios 0, AS Roma 0; Joventas 2, Internatios 0, AS Roma 0; Joventas 2, Internatios 0, AS Roma 0; Sentas 0; Sentas 0; Sentas 0; Sentas 0; Sentas 1; Sentas 1; Sentas 1; Sentas 1; Sentas 2, Varzim 0; Porto 2; Societo 3, Acueda 2; Sentas 3, Rep.



29,125 VAT, told Mr Justice Going up: Tim Burford, of England, taking the strain in the squat lift competition at the first world junior powerlifting championships at Miami Beach.

Cup. Austria beat Inter in Vienna, and held out against heavy pressure in Milan, thanks largely to glorious saves by their Austrian international keeper, Koncilia. Prohasaka a League Championship medal-list with Roma last season - and an Inter player the season before - is the chief force in midfield. He is strongly abetted by the Hungarian attacker. Nyilasi, dangerous in the air and clever on the ground.

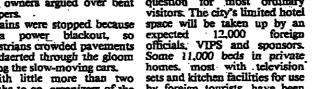
The third Austrian team involved

clear. He partnered Team Trimoco's Rubber Ball, formerly ridden by the late Caroline Bradley.

The dressing rooms were be-sieged the referee had to escape in a car with a police escort. Riot police alone prevented the fans rushing on

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ANGENTRE: Nueva Chicago B, Estudientes D; Temperley 1, River Plate D; Velez Sarzdald 2, Nevell's Old Boys 1; Racing 3, Racing Cordobs 4 (abendomed in the 36th particle because of crowd trouble); Roserio Ceintral D.



months to go, organizers of the 14th Winter Olympics say this Balkan city is fully prepared for tors to the Games, which begin

spectators are expected. Despite power-cuts this

sets and kitchen facilities for use by foreign tourists, have been contracted. Fifteen thousand autumn, organisers say Sarajevo

spokeman for the organising
committee, warned. Westernstyle coffee is also scarce, and
most restaurants serve a blend
However, the advice to
people who plan to drive to the
games: Don't. Main roads in
and around Sarajevo will be most restaurants serve a blend and around Sarajevo will be that tastes of cereal substitutes. closed to private cars. Parking

served sweet and strong be prepared for delays in changing money. Owing to the quantity of paperwork in banks.

Sarajevo (AP) - The wailing song of a muezzin cut through the fog calling muslims to evening prayer. Drivers hooted in frustration as two cars blocked a narrow street while their comes are out of the their comes are out of the their comes are out of the reserve rolls," Pavic Lukac says all stations in impossible, to find. "It would the republic of Beginn Herzebe a good idea to carry a few govina and Sarajevo. The coverience of them as authorities try stations are a persistent nuisto conserve scarce fuel supplies. Ance for drivers in Yukawasayia,
Ousling film is hard, if not shirt Lukac says all stations in the coverience of the cove

A livelier alternative is Turkish, spaces are already scarce, and the thick, black concoction the roads leading to Sarajevo can be dangerous even in the Foreign travellers should also summer months. The Zagreb-Beigrade road used by most metorist coming from the North is known locally as suicide road mecause of its exchange transactions can take: suicide road because of its more than half an hour. Perrol heavy traffic and aigh accident rationing and closed filling take

Latest European snow reports

Runs to Avortaz 60 65 Good
New snow some powder
Davos 25 50 Good
More snow needed
Grindelwald 5 50 60
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Kizothel 16 60 Fast Veded Fair zbühei Lower slopes worn in places 45 60 Fair New on worn base
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More snow needed 70

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Greet Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following report has been received from a tourist board:

FOR THE RECORD The proof (Africament, 15-9, 45-7; Second The proof Store it Sage, 15-6, 15-2; Paimer by Hall, 15-4, 18-16; Horstone in Applied (Se.) 17-18; Staff of Horstone in Applied (Se.) 17-18; Staff of Horstone in Applied (Se.) 17-18; Staff of Horstone in Staff of Horsto The Public Schools Champiggshies, "Part, Mar."

Deer Care (under 19; Send-Sinal: 31 Longley: 11 Condies) 18 S. Reces (Harmon), 15-1, 15-7, 16 G. Lewis (Roghy) bt W. R. D. Wagharn (Wellington), 40. Pinel Longley bt Lewis 15-0, 15-4. The includent-Wellington) bt D. B. First round: R. C. H. Bruch (Wellington) bt D. B. White (Clifton), 10-15, 15-5, 15-5; R. Sage (Clifton) bt A.J. Clarice (Charlerinose), 16-4, 16-5; R. Sage (Clifton) bt A.J. Clarice (Charlerinose), 16-4, 16-6; P. Hootable (Wellington) bt J. J. Hootable (Wellington) bt J. J. Sage (Farrier) bt J. J. Sage (Farrier) bt J. J. Sage (Markotrough) w.c. P. D. S. Mancaco: (Pactley) bt A. J. Spence (Welchesten), 16-5, 15-12; A. J. E. Vincent (Charlentonum) bt D. Farry, and (Markotrough), 4-15, 15-7; A. W. Section (Harrow) bt B. D.

EQUESTRIANISM

Robert Smith on Team Sanyo Alabama head for second place (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Tyteca beats ambitious rivals

By Jenny MacArthur

Pie Power and Speed Class also fell to a foreign rider when Switzerland's Thomas Fuchs snatched the £550 first prize from the hands of Robert Smith on Team Sanyo's Alabama. Smith's time of 23.47 seconds had emained the mining A fast and stylish round by Ferdi Tyteca on T Soulaiky gave the Belgian rider a well-earned victory in vesterday afternoon's Norwich Union Christmas Cake Stakes at the Olympia International Show Jumpeconds had remained the winning ing Championships.
Tyteca's fluent round shone out one until Fuchs, the third last to go.

threw caution to the wind and, going flat out, clipped a second off Smith's time. in what was a disappointing class. Ten fences had to be jumped in whichever order the rider chose. Several riders were too ambitious and attempted impossible turns resulting in knockdowns and refusals. Six riders retired. Geoff Glazzard, from Staffordshire, scored a double on Sunday when he won the Norwich Union Christmas Cigar Stakes having carlier taken first prize in the Zero In contrast, 29-year-old Tyteca from Antwerp rode a smooth and

earner taken inst prize in the Zero Stakes. On both occasions he rode the Dutch-bred Apollo, the horse which earned Glazzard more than £8.000 at the Horse of the Year well thought out course, making his winning time of 38.95 seconds look easy. Tony Newbery from Devon who is on the Olympic short-list, took

is on the Olympic short-list, took second place on Mrs Duckworth's Magnire ... Espaire ... and Derek Ricketts, the hist of all to go, on R & S Price Limited S Tradition put up a determined thellenge to finish third in 42.23 seconds.

Steven Hadley, who combines showjumping with television commentating was one of the few other riders to produce a stylish

were up on Glazzard's time but a pole down at the penultimate fence Fartier, the Radio Rentals Mince put them out of the running.

until Glazzard, going towards the round which brought him his-success at Wembley. They finished two seconds faster than Whitaker. a virus infection put up a fine challenge on Sanyo Galaxi. They

in Sunday night's class John Whitaker on Mrs C. H. Newton's Blue Moon was the early leader. Their time of 47.50 was not beaten

money during his speciacular ln a moving tribute Philco's formidable catalogue of victories was read out before the saddle was formally removed to mark his

retirement. There were tears in the eyes of Ronnie Massarella, the British team manager. That was a good horse for me. he said forwards, remembering those great

The only other threat came from

Australia's Jeff McVean on Hello Le Val. the winner of the British

National Championships in July.
They banged rence four hard but it stayed in place and they went on to finsh third in a time of 49.55

seconds.
Immediately after the class David

Broome led his great partner Phileo into the ring to the tune of Men of Harlech for the official retirement of

the American-bred horse, who carned more than £200,000 in prize

(R Sorth) 24.45; 3. Tow Pyrah) 24.53. Norwich Union Christmas Cigar Stakes: 1. Apotto (G Giszzard) 0 in 45.50; 2, Blue Moon (J Whitzier) 0 in 47.50; 3, Helip Le Val (J McVesn, Austr'0 in 48.55.

came too tale. Broderick scored 24 points and Ellison 20 in the 78-77 defeat by Sunderland in overtime.

Kingston led 31-27 at the interval but at the end of a fluctuating second half Brandon put Sunderland ahead by sinking a basket that

even Kingston conceded had beaten the final buzzer. The officials disagreed and the game went into the extra five minutes. Sunderland hanging on to win, even though Kirkham committed a foul right on time. Had his offence been any earlier. Kingston might have won

from the free throw line:

Blue Nun Crystal Palace, 84-75 winners over John Carr Doncaster, were also surprisingly taken to oversime but the only improperted result at the weekend in the National League, sponsored by Wimpey Homes, was the defeat of

Shortcomings for spectators at Winter Olympics

Hazards in store at Sarajevo

their owners argued over bent question for most ordinary

Trains were stopped because of a power blackout, so pedestrians crowded pavements and daerted through the gloom among the slow-moving cars.
With little more than two an expected onslaught of visi-

on February 7.

February 7.

Whether all goes smoothly or games. Most Yugoslavs have

IN BRIEF Only Kenya's best will do OLYMPIC GAMES: There will be no "joy-siders" in Kenya's team for the Olympic Games in Los Angeles, professional coaches to be qualified the Minister for Culture and Services, Kennera Majiba, said: For They are following the example of financial reasons there would be a Assiralia and New Zealand, where maximum of 75% in the party.

FOR THE RECORD ICE HOCKEY

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A double triumph for brave **Swiss**

Val Gardena, Italy (Agencies) -Pirmin Zurbriggen and Martin Hangl brought Switzerland the first two places in a World Cup supergiant slalom here yesterday. It was the second successive victory for the Swiss team in this resort within 24 hours - on Saturday. Urs Raeber had won the men's downhill event. It was Zurbriggen's first World Cup victory of the season and the third of his career. It gave him an undisputed lead in the overall World Cup with 97 points.

Austrian skiers, routed by the Swiss in Sunday's downhill, did better than on the previous day, but again failed to win. The Olympic champion Leonard Stock, who was third, led seven Austrians in the top

Zurbriggen, who has proved the most versatile skier in the supersialom since this event was introduced as an experiment on the upper part of the Saslong track. Nevertheless, he recorded the best intermediate time and a winning total of 1 min 35.33 sec. The Super-giant slalom was transferred here because of bad weather at Campiglio but conditions

in Val Gardena were also terrible. Rain and snow limited visibility severely.

After his victory, Zurbriggen said:
"That was the most difficult super-g

I've ever raced, particularly in view of the snow which kept sticking to Zurbriggen's chances of gaining additional World Cup oints out since results here are combined with the results of a special slalom now scheduled to take place in Madonna

di Campiglio on Tuesday. Zurbriggen has made consider-able progress in slalom recently and was surprisingly placed fourth in Courmayeur last week. Hangi's achievement was perhaps the greatest of all, because he finished only 43 hundredths of a second more than Zurbriggen despite starting in fiftieth place. It was his



Zurbriggen: coped with terrible conditions to win his first World Cup event of the season

not expected such a good showing. He lagged 1.30sec behind the snows in Europe, the Swedes, winner, but led his team colleagues, ingernar Stemmark and Sing Strand. Hans Enn and Guido Hintereseer. are expected to dominate. Sten-In tomorrow's slalom at Madona mark, who - like Mahre - dislikes di Campiglio, the absence of the American twins, Phil and Steve Mahre, who have returned to the United States until after the new States (Austria), 1:36.83; 4. Hz [1:35.76; 3. L Stock (Austria), 1:36.83; 4. Hz [1:37.76; 3. L Stock (Austria), 1:36.83; 4. Hz [1:

OVERALL: 1, P Zurbriggen, 55 pts; 2, H Enn, 49; 3, J Franko (Yugo), 36; 4, M Julen (Switz), 33; 5, M Hangl, 27. WORLD CLIP; 1, P Zurbriggen, 97 pts; 2, Franz Hentzer (Switz), 87; 3, Urs Raeber (Switz), 58; 4, A Wenzel, 53; 5, T Brooker (Can), 50; 6, H Enn (Austra), 49.

GOLF

Faldo gets

the vote as

top player

won five events on the European circuit in 1983 and topped the money list, becoming the first player to break through the £100,000

barrier, and he is given the award as the man who did most for European

Other highlights of his year included retention of his players card in the United States and

mainstay of the Ryder Cup team

against America. Faldo polled a substantial number of votes to finish ahead of the US Masters

champion, Severiano Ballesteros, and Tony Jacklin, the outstanding

association's annual dinner at St Andrew's during Open Champion-

to will receive his award at the

golf this year.

CRICKET: PAKISTANIS SCORE THIRD TOUR WIN

Transvaal squeeze out a win

tour record when Transvaal de-feated them by four wickets in a thrilling finish here yesterday. Needing 93 runs for victory in 25

Needing 93 runs for victory in 25 minutes plus 20 overs, Transvaal did not appear to have too difficult a task; but only 11 halls remained when Jennings cut Moseley to the boundary to score the winning runs. The West Indian XI, 80 runs behind on the first innings, had been dismissed for 172, with the spinner, Kourie, taking four for 58 and Mitchley adding three wickets to the six he took in the first innings. Only Lynch and Trotman reached 30 for the touring side.

the touring side.

Tight bowling to a packed leg-side field by Clarke and Moseley, who bowled unchanged, reduced Transval to 51 for four with 8.2 overs remaining and although two more wickets fell at 74, Rice steered his team home. SCORIES: West Indian XI 230 and 172 (M H A Mitchey 3 for 58); Transvaal 319 for 9 dec and 94 for 6 (C E 8 Rica 36 not out; S T Clarke 3 for 38, E A Moseley 3 for 49).

have won their past five games. Tony Hand scored four goals as the Edinburgh team won 11-5 in Nottingham on Saturday and two

goals in a 5-1 win over Cleveland on

While Murrayfield's bigger guns -Sobkowich (twisted knee), Lynch (chipped ankle) Lawrie Lovell (broken ribs) - have all spent some

time out of action this season. Hand

has taken over as the club's leading marksman, by 18 games this season the young centre has scored 27 goals and assisted on 22 others.

He is only 16, but already used to

extravagant praise. "He has such a hockey brain." his captain, Derek Reilly, has said. "If he was a footballer he'd be worth a million pounds."

His coach. Alex Dampier, put a

His coach. Alex Dampier, put a different value on Hand. "He definitely has the talent to do well in Canadian or US college hockey." In the meanwhile, Dampier gives his young protège lunch-hour classes among the figure skaters at Murrayfield.

Now that the Murrayfield injured have mostly recovered, they

have mostly recovered, they probably welcome the coming

holiday less warmly than some o

nursed their slender mannowe

resources through a debilitating schedule to the top of the league, sponsored by Heineken.

Ayr are second after gaining a 4-4

draw in Streatham, despite the depredations inflicted on all their

defencemen. Wells and McHaffie were absent through work, Watt and Breanan played with a damaged

knee, and a delicate stomach,

Streatham suffered too, although feverish finishes brought them three points from their two home games. With 26 seconds to play on

respectively.

their rivals. Dundee have once again

NORTH MIAMI BEACH: Invitation fournament: Sema-firsts: I Lendal (Cz) bt J Arias (US), 6-3, 6-4; J Commors (US) bt J L Clerc (Arg), 6-3, 6-2.

ICE HOCKEY

Captain who sees Hand

as a '£1m player'

Overcoming a spate of injuries and suspensions and an indifferent start to their British League premier division season. Murrayfield Racers had been temporarily supported by

Tasmania fight boldly to delay inevitable defeat

Hobart (AP) - A bold thirdwicket partnership of 171 between Steve Small and Mark Ray failed to save Tasmania from defeat by the Pakistanis on the final day of their four-day match here yesterday.

Once the stand between the two former New South Wales batsmen was broken, middle-order resistance slowly crumbled, although the last pair determinedly reduced the margin of defeat to 42 runs.

It was the Pakistanis' third win of the tour, the other two being against South Australia and Victoria, but they were kept in the field for much longer than they expected as Tasmania fought bravely to reach a

The main batting honours went first-class century it was. He moved from Penrith in Sydney to a Launceston club in northern Tasmania last year. Small took to the Pakistan bowling with a will. giving only one chance at 92 before he was out leg-before to Azeem for 114, having hit 15 fours and one six. Ray gave him good support with a sound 73 scored in 263 minutes before also falling to Azecm, who finished with three wickets for 90.

had been temporarily supported by a marketing company, Ian Wight Sponsorship, but were crippled by lack of organization, funds and

BOXING

title chance

Lloyd Honeyghan, of Bermond-sey, who retained his British

welterweight title two weeks ago, is

the next challenger for the European championship, held by the French-man Gillis Elbilia.

Honeyghan rose through the

Saturday, they were a goal down and a man short against Ayr, but still contrived an equalizer through Andrew. On Sunday they were 4-5 down to Fife before goals in the third-period from Stefan and third-period from Stefan and third-period from their first stefan and the specification on behalf of Clinton McKenzie for the specification of the sp

win in five games.

Solibull Barons will lead the first division over the holidays with the fielp of two big wins over the weekend: their player-coach. Barry Standland record nine earlier in the the constraint of the constraint of the constraint.

Skrudland, scored nine goals in the the opportunity goes instead 16-2 rout of Richmond Flyers. But Gomes Foux, of Spain.

At 293 for eight and with Boon

plaster after a blow on the elbow from Azcem in the first innings -

Taşmania's cause looked hopeless: but Williams and Saunders com-bined to frustrate the Pakistanis was dropped at third slip by Wasim Raja off Azeem when he was 51 and he had reached 59 when Williams lofted an easy catch to Omar off Qadir. His 26 overs had cost 88 runs

PAKISTANIS: First Innings 354 for 6 di Llaved Mandad 141 not out. Salim Mails 90). Second Innings 272 for 6 dec (Wasim Raja 83, Javed Mianded 54), TASMANIA: First Innings 235 (8 F Davison 62).

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D C Boon absent hur.

BOWLING: Azeem 22-4-90-3; Rashid 26-9-68-2: Tahir 19-3-59-3; Salim 4-0-26-0 (Bowlers' analyses include no-balls and wides)

IN BRIEF

Club to help minority sportsmen

A multi-sports clubith the aim of boosting Britain's so-called "minority" sports has been launched. The committee of the newly formed international Sportsmen's Club meet early next month to formulate their priorities,
Among the items for discussion

Ian Whight came to the rescue with £2,500 in September, when appeared that the newly formed club would not get off the ground, but will be the problems of finances, development of coaching tech-niques and facilities, sponsorship, and the need to maintain contact between the various sports, from was upable to obtain sponsorship "Two things worked against us - ar grass roots to international level. uncompetitive performance on the Sarah Parker, the modern pentathlon, and one of the prime movers behind the scheme, stressed: "We're not setting ourselves up in competition with establishe bodies, but hope to work hand in hand with them We have lease felt with them." soccer clubs in Bristol, both run very efficiently, who have mopped up most of the pennyante sponsorship. Mr Whight exthem. We have long felt there was a call for this sort of body to help give "minor" sports in this country a much-needed boost, and we're confident this new club can plained. He calculates that the club cost his company a total of £6.124.

PREMIER DIVISION: Clevetand 5, Dundee 1: Nothingham 5, Murrayfield 11 (A Hand 4, Lync 3); Streatham 4, Ayr 4; Dundee 9 (Halpin 4 Whitley Bay 4; Dunden 9 (Crapper 3, Tiley 3 Nothingham 3; Murrayfield 5, Clevetand Streatham 6 (Sletan 4; Frie 5, FRST DIVISION: Blackpool 10, Solinul 1: Peterbronouth 22, Ginraby 1; Solinul 1: Richmond 2; Southampton 6, Altrincham 2. succeed TABLE TENNIS: Carl Pream, who has withdrawn from the English Open Championships at Brighton Centre from January 26-28, will be able to play should he change his PREMIER DIVISION

> Prean, the 16-year-old Isle Wight schoolboy who was ranked as England number one until yesterday, features in the draw, which had already been made before the already been made before the official notification of his withdrawal had been received.

clarified

Faldo: writers' choice

Rules are

The Royal and Ancient are to an amateur will lose his status if he enters into an agreement with a sponsor or professional agent.

This change has been prompted by an allegation that an agent, representing a prominent amateur, attempted to win "sponsors invitations" into future PGA tour events. They were then given options to sign the player when he turned professional because of favours

that amateurs may not be used as gambling objects in an auction. Glassware will be added to the prizes of symbolic value which may be accepted by amateurs, but there is no intention to increase the prize limit from the present £150. The age qualification of 22 for the

receipt of expenses will no longer

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL Kick-off 7,30 unless stated European Super Cup, second leg Aberdeen (0) v Hamburg (0) Milk Cup, fourth round Birmingham v Liverpool

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE Bangor SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedworth v A.P. Learnington, Fisher v Gospott. Midland: Bridhorth v Moor Green.

Middlend Bindhorth v Moor Green.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Prist division: Darby v Sheffield Intog (7:0), Manchester Linitad v Leess (7:0), Sheffield Wednesday v Eventon (7:15). Second division: Blackpool v Wigden (7:0). Bradford City v Coventry (2:0), Chasterfield v Notics County. Oldham v Bernsley (7:0). Potocham v Preston (7:0). FOOTBALL COMBONATION: Futnem v Arsenal (2:0), Swandon v Pristol Rovers (7:0). (2.0), Semmon v or soo research 1- v. FA TROPHY: Third qualifying reased: Bromley v Aylesbury: Managher v Westillay Hayes v Barnet. Replays: Weding v Tooling and Michan: Scalloud v Bromsgrove. Maddock v Awechunch: Gloucester v Saichury. ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Third nound: Claption v Contine-thou Mathematics Assess to Saighur. ISTHMAN LEAGUE: Cup, third round
Bishop v Stortlerd v Metropolitan Police
Prentier division: Handon v Billencay, Hischin v
Stough; Stanes v Bognor Regis, Worthing v
Dulwich Hamiet, Second divisions; Finchiey v
Southall: Grays v Cornthan-Casuals
Horthern v Egham; Leyton Wingste v Dorking
Ranham v Tring; St Albans v Wars.
FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Blackpool v
Bolton (7.0) Bolton (7.0). MIDWERK LEAGUE (2.0): Cambridge United Paterburgis: Pentamout v Bournemouth. ESSEX THAMESIDE TROPHY: Barking

RUGBY UNION RUGBY LEAGUE OTHER SPORT

5: Public echodis singles ren's Club, 9 am). Yesterday's Results FOOTBALL FOOTBALL COMMINATION: Chelege Walfard?
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: F4 Youth XI Public Schools XI D. Public Schools 1; XI : Berkshire Schools XI 3.

was also pleased with Usurping, who was making amends for his iockey afterwards. The victorious combination's only defeat of the afternoon

present holds a narrow lead over Michael Dickinson as far as prize money won is concerned. difficulty in beating Batchworth by four lengths in the Haig Whisky Novies Qualifier. Francome made nearly all the running on the seven-year-old who went clear of his rivals

Emperor Charles runs in the colours of R. E. A. Bott. Wigmore Street Ltd. The refrigeration firm has also been successful this season with Musso and Admiral's Cup. the only other two horses they have in training with Winter, Musso won at Newbury in October and Adniral's Cup followed up a victory at the same meeting by beating Prideaux Boy in that exciting finish to the H. S. S. Hire Shops Hurdle at Ascot on

John Francome's spate of winners continued to flow unabated at

cicester vesterday. The reigning

champion jockey landed a treble for

the second time in four days by

tally was eight winners from his last

11 mounts.
All three winners were trained by

successes this season and who at

a well-tuned Winter trio

Francome closes title gap with

Francome and Winter's other two winners both started at 2-1 on in the first and second division of the Christmas Tree Novices Chase. Dickie Murray, a faller in his previous race at Wincanton, wore winning on Emperor Charles, Dickie Murray and Usurping With 55 winners to his credit Francome is now only 12 behind John O'Neill in blinkers for the first time and sprinted eight lengths clear of his opponents on the flat. Francome the race for the jockey's title. At the close od play this superb horseman's defeat by Sutton Place at Hereford, in the second division. "he jumped very well for a baby." - said the

> seventh behind Ole Faithful in the lvy Handicap Hurdle. Owned and trained by Tony Leighton, Ole Faithful was giving his jockey Brian Powell his fourth victory of the The other feature on a rainy

of Steve Smith Eccles riding the 400th winner of his career. After producing a typical power-packed finish, the jockey drove Last Argument past the post a short head in front of Mount Oliver in the Harry Holmes Memorial Chase. The runner-up's jockey. Peter Scudamore objected to the winner for taking his ground after the last lence, but his protest was overruled. In the London offices vesterday all the money in the King George VI

Chase continued to be for The Mighty Mac. Michael Dickinson's Chase at Ascot last Saturday was backed from 6-1 to 4-1 with William Hills. Ladbrokes, who laid The Mighty Mac at 8-1 over the weekend, have cut the price of this brilliant jumper to 4-1. However, Wayward Lad, last year's winner, is a firm favourite - top priced at 7-4 - as he prepares for his attempt to give the Dickinson family their fifth consequtive triumph in Kempton's

Boxing Day feature. Bregawn, the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner and the champion trainer's third possible runner, is generally on offer at 7-2. At Folkestone this afternoon Francome can continue to blaze his

trail of success by winning the second division of the Aldington Novices Chase on Landing Board. At Huntingdon at the end of November Peter Harris's five-year-old showed plenty of courage when beating River Rhein by two lengths in a similar race. Landing Board may now prove too good for Brave Hussar and Claude Monet.

The best bet at the meeting could well be Corn Street in the first division of the Stanford Novices Hurdle. John Bosley's five-year-old is a more than useful handicapper on the flat as he showed when defying 10 st at Goodwood in May.

Corn Street showed plenty of



Francome: eight winners

to Harford on his only appearence over hurdles at Warwick recently and can now show the benefit of that experience by accounting to Claudius Crozet and Scabattle. Get Out Of Me Way continues to attract support with the sponsors for the Coral Welsh National and is now 4-1 from 5-1. Lasobany, second at Kelso yesterday, has been cut two points to 14-1, and Burrough Hill Lad. who runs at Lingfield tomorrow, remains 3-1 favourite.

Folkestone

GOING: soft			
11.45 ALDINGTON CHASE (Div I: novices: £1,066: 2m) (10 runners)			
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13-8 John Brush, 3 Hetten, 5 Rock Saint, 13-2 Sir Eamon, 8 Glenjade, 10 City Money,			
12.15 STANFORD HURDLE (novices: £518: 2m 110yd) (20)			
2 0/4 CORN STREET (M Wildris) J Bosley 5-11-4			

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DOUD STAGER (Mrs A Dawes) D Grassell 5-11-4
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BORDER SIGNAL (Miss O Lee) A Prit 4-11-0
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CLAUDIUS CROZZET (B) (G Huffer) G Huffer 4-11-0
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KORYPHEOS (C Papaloannou) P Machell 4-11-0
MATREDEE (Mrs A Wates) R Gow 4-11-0
WARTHEDEE (Mrs A Wates) R Gow 4-11-0
GEMA RAND PEACE (B) (M Hamper) D Miss 4-11-0
OCOME WHAT MAY (Mess L Abten) H O'Neils 6-10-13
OPPINIO GEMA ROSS (R Bowes) N Lee-Judson 6-10-13
MEEFFANOSA (Surmerhall Stud Ltd) Miss A Shozisir 4-10-9
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P-Popo SPORTSWORDS (A Lee) J King 4-10-8
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3 Seabattle,4 Corn Street, 5 Clauchus Crozet, 13-2 Tower Win, 7 Border Signal Bound, 12 Start The Music, 16 others.

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00-341	BALLEMA (Mrs D Grissell) D Grissell 5-11-4	A Webt
	BUCKS GREEN (Mrs B Trafford) J Gifford 5-11-4	
901	CAVALRYMAN (Capt A Prest) J Gifford 7-11-4	R Ro
	STEEL YEOMAN (Mrs H Alwen) J Gifford 5-11-4	P Dout
ĝ.	BLUES BANK (E. Wise) B Wise 4-17-0	aeW nceil4
010	IT'S TOUGH (J Ashby) A Moore 4-11-0	
24-033	JAYESS (Mrs D Sutton) Mrs J Pitmen 4-11-0	
1-23041	KRISTEN (S Brown) R Hoad 4-11-0	M Hoaz
p000001	LITTLE LONDON (M J Smith) M J Smith 4-11-0	P Corriga
OC-	MISTER LORD (S Tindel) S Mellor 4-11-0	
2030-43	WORK MATE (Mrs I Stewart-Brown) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-11-	-O .S Smith Ecc
. 04	DEEP IN DEBT (Mrs P Jubert) P Haynes 4-10-9	
02-30	EVENING SONG (Mrs J Sketton) B Stevens 4-10-9	·
	LO-INCOST (R Dean) R Dean 4-10-9	M Hammond
40-821	MAJESTIC CUE (H Ffitch-Heyes) J Ffitch-Heyes 4-10-9	G Medgwid
624fp4	ORMSKIRK MOVER (I Gravener) J Scalan 4-10-9) McLaughir
Mister	Lord, 4 Ballima, 5 Work Mate. 13-2 Jayess, 8 Kristen, 10 [Deep in Debt,
ALDING	GTON CHASE (Div II: novices: £914: 2m) (9)	
141-01	LANDING BOARD (Mrs P W Harris) P W Harris 5-11-5	J Francor

1.45 SELLINDGE HURDLE (selling handicap: £920: 2m 110yd) (15)

Ludlow GOING: good 12.0 BURGUNDY CHASE (Div I) (novices: £840; 2m) (12 runners) | BURGUNDY CHASE (Div I) (novices: £840: 2m) (12 ru F31220 LTTLE TROUBLE (D) (C Hickings) C Hitchings 7-11-11 ... P0-14F0 MIGHTY IMPRESSIVE (Mrs P Cosgrave) A Neaves 7-11-11 ... 10/01-00 B1-230 cm C Trivaires; F Wishwyn 7-11-4 ... HEVER (Mrs P Fesey) M Pipe 8-11-4 ... 970-000 PMR MULLEN (Mrs R McGerzia-Coles) W M-Coles 6-11-4 ... PONTH HILL (K Lawle) K Lewis 9-11-4 ... 90200-3 STOWELL GROVE (Lady Vestey) D Nicholson 8-11-4 ... THOMOND PRINCE (S Nbort) M Giver 6-11-4 ... WITHYMANS POOL (Mrs R Hayas) N AyAffe 9-11-4 ... HOTSPHITT (Mas R Dudley) J Bradley 7-10-13 ... PIECE OF MRST (Mrs J Bayles) J S Wright 7-10-13 ... PIECE OF MRST (Mrs J Bayles) J S Wright 7-10-13 ... 11-8 Burns, 3 Stowell Grove, 5 Mighty Impressive, 6 Little Trouble, 8 Hever 12.30 AT

MONTILLADO HURDLE (selling handicap: conditional jocke 3: 2m) (9)
THE KNIFE E(D) (Miss S Lavery) M B James 5-11-7 P St.
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HARD KINGDOM (W Clay) W Clay 10-7	C 24
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ZE AVATAR (5 Crowder Consultants) M Chapman 10-7	~
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HIGHDRIVE (J. Barber) R Holder 10-2	D 214
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£1.30 DF: £3.60 CSF. £14.61. N. Gaselee at Lambourn. Str hd. 25f. Farmer Fred (20-1) 4m. 8 ran. NR: NR Coys. ran. 2.0 CHRISTMAS TREE CHASE (Dv I. novices Leicester results Going: Chase Course: Good to Firm, Hurdies: Good:

12.30 CHRISTMAS HURDLE (Selling handicag) J Francome (1-2 fav) 1S Smith Eccles(7-3)S Johnson(33-1) 3 TOTE Win: £1.20. Places. £1.00. £1.90 DF, £3.10 CSF: £2.67. F Winter, at Lambourn. 81, 151. Isaac (7-1) 4th, 6 ran. 2.30 CHRISTIAAS TREE CHASE (Oir II: novices: £1.075; 2m 4f) TOTE: Wat: £8.30. Places: £1.02. £14.10. £1.70. DF: titrat or second with any ether). £8.70 CSF: £58.17 Tricast: £263.00 K. Stone at Methon. 101, '43, Trimpe (20-1) 481. 16 ran. NR: Keno Hill. Wise Man, Charlty Run. 1.0 HAIG WHSKY HURDLE (qualities) (Novices: \$1,422: 2m)

3 0 IVY HURDLE (Hendicap: £1.049 2m 4f) OLE FAITHFUL by 7, by Warpath - Truly Yours (A Leighton) 4-10-6...B Powell (10-1) 1 Affle Dickles -R Rowe (9-2) if Fayl 2 Wally Wombat.........P Scudemore (16-1) 3 TOTE Wm. 22.70 Places: £4.00, £1.00, £1.40 £1.60 DF: £53.00 CSF: £4.82 TRICAST £641.60 A Leighton at Hallow 11.61. Next Bropshot (44%)—9-2 Jt Fav. 21 rgn. NR: Kashili kmg Ragagan. PLACEPOT. £3.85. .15 HEATHFIELD CHASE (handicap: £1,031: 3m 2f) (14) THE SOMAC (M Finerari) Mrs N Sintin 6-10-13 PROSPER YOU CAN (I Pococid) R Hodges 8-10-12 SAUNDERS (T Clay) T Clay 9-10-12 STORM PRINCE (Mrs A Lossy) I Dudgeon 8-10-10 PREDINTAY (I Zelase) H O Yield 8-10-5 VIEWED AWAY (Mrs L Clay) T Clay 8-10-4 NORTH WEST (CD) (F Hill) A Moore 8-10-4 SRIENA (Mrs J Turner) N Gaselee 6-10-3 DIRKE WILLIAM (F Voorspuy) R Voorspuy 9-10-0 AMALIF BAY (S Crowe) M Botion 8-10-0

THE DOWNS (A Robbins) D Jermy 7-11-8
STAR OF SALFORD (F Landrigan) J Long 5-11-8.
SCOT BENNETT (B) (N Upson) G Riphry 5-11-8
ESSAM (D Dys) D Wisson 5-11-5
BOYNE HLL (Mrs L O'Nell) C O'Nell 7-11-5

3 Viewed Away, 7-2 Physicist, 5 The Somec, 13-2 Bujol, 8 Rheinray, 12 Hard Outlook: 15 others 2.45 SHADDOXHURST HURDLE (conditional jockeys: handicap: £962

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H1-00	DALBURY (R Smale) P Haynes 5-11-11P	Ď
0030-	ROOKEY PARADE (5 Peting) J Jenkins 6-11-9	'n
10/0	CYPRUS SKY (C Wood) R Smyth 6-11-5G M	i.
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0-043	NORFOLX PAGEANT (B) (H Wild) 8 Swift 4-11-3R	20
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20-00	TOPORI (J Pepley) S Woodman 4-10-12	÷
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010-	LE LEVADOR (D Lewson Hill) Mrs R Lornex 4-10-8T	'n
430-3	MISTER PITT (A Merritt) T M Jones 4-10-8	
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	HIYA JUDGE (Mrs L Ripley) G Ripley 5-10-0	6
Nortolk	Pageant, 3 End OI Era, 5 Dalbury, 13-2 Cyprus Sky, 8 Sandhavan, 10 (и
Charpn,	16 others.	

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2	NOBLE PHILIP (Concords Bloodstock Agency) W Guest 6-11-4	A Coo
22-0f	NO-U-TURN (S Tindall) S Mallor 5-11-4	Реп
ò-	QUERN SABE (Mrs J Powell) C Reed 5-11-4	
	SWIFT PALM (Nimrod Co) P Cundell 6-11-4	C Bro
60-	8AZALI (M Owen) H Beasley 4-11-0	M Furk
0300-01	CORDITE SPEAR (Mrs S Tainton) J Bosley 4-11-0	Mr M Bosie
0024-04	EUROLINK BOY (Eurolink Computer Services) A Moore 4-11-0.	G Mo
0-24300	GODLY (M Senderson) Miss A Singlar 4-11-0	S Johns
023220-	KOYI SÜNSET (G Bis) S Woodman 4-11-0	J Franco
	LIBERTY WALK (Miss L Gray) F Gray 4-11-0	
	MUSLAB (C Andrews) K Bailey 4-11-0	A Web
	NORTHORPE (G Huffer) G Huffer 4-11-0	Mark Almo
0	TOMMY'S CHOICE (V Nash) J King 4-11-0	
. Ō	TUDOR JESTER (Mrs E Boucher) J Gifford 4-11-0	A Ro
Č	WILY YEOMAN (Mrs H Alwen) J Gifford 4-11-0	
03000-0	BRAVE INTENTION (Mrs C Howard) J Pritch-Heves 6-10-13	
	DAVID'S ISOPON (P P Harrington) H O'Nell 4-10-9	G News
4-ppp	LINGRETA (B) (Mrs P Townsley) Mrs P Townsley 4-10-9	Ve D Townsk
- 1	MYSTIC MARCARET AV Rotoc) A Hide 4-10-0	. I Radi

Folkestone selections

3 No-U-Turn, 4 Swift Palm, 5 Bartra, 13-2 Muslab, 8 Tudor Jester, 8 Northorpe, 10 Cordia

By Michael Seely 11.45 John Brush. 12.15 Corn Street. 12.45 Work Mate. 1.15 Landing Board. 1.45 Blackboosh. 2.15 Physicist. 2.45 End Of Ess. 3.15 No-U-Turn.

2.0 RUM PUNCH HURDLE (Div II) (3-y-o: £483: 2m) (18) UNCH HURDLE (Div II) (3-y-o: £483: 2m) (18)
ATAMAN IN Pipel M Pipe ID-7
FLYING PALACE IMPS B Van Gelder) T Forser 10-7
HEATHER PRINCE (D Thomson) A W Jones 10-7
KUWAIT BEACH (Shelk Fashed) D Lang 10-7
NO BUTTS (C Periss) R Hollinshead 10-7
FENILTYNE THOOPER (Penilyne Haulage List) Mrs M Rir
RANT AND RAVE (Rodvala List) J Janikas 10-7
RIG STEEL (R Robbins) P Cundell 10-7
RIGLER ON A LARK (U Scielman) J Edwards 10-7
SEAGRAM (D Barons) D Barons 10-7
SPANKING (I Maddocks) I Maddocks 10-7
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CHALET WALDEGG (A Clapparton) D Gandolfo 10-2
LEARCTIC (C Raymond) J Thome 10-2
LO JUNCTION (W Whiston) W Whiston 10-2 K Mooney Murphy C Mrs K Dicken? 4 Penliyne Trooper, 9-2 Ateman, 5 Rant And Rave, 6 Flying Palece, 8 Chaint Waldege, 12 No Butts, 14 Seegram, 16 others. 2.30 VINTAGE PORT CHASE (handicap: £1,276: 3m) (14)

1 303-04P SORNTULLA BOY (C) (Mrs H Houtbrooks) Mrs H Ho

3 Celuc Brew, 7-2 Another Plater, 4 Below The Salt, 6 Laurenson, 7 Bulyapillars, 6 Letterbox, 10 State Run, 14 others. ET HURDLE (handicap: £1,192: 2m) (20)

SALTHOUSE (DB) (R Turvey) A Barrow 8-11-7

SEA PENNANT (D) (if Jones) R Jones 7-11-5

UPPER NOTE (D) (A Twins) Troster 5-11-5

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LOST FOR WORDS (D) (Ledy 6 Brooks) Ledy 8 Brooks 8-10-8

DOBSONS CHOICE (D) (EE Evens) EE Evens 5-10-8

HIGH RIDGE (B) (ELodge) J Perratt 4-10-5

LE VERT GALANT (D) (P Berber) J Thorne 5-10-4

RIBODEN (CD) (D Gludfield) D Winde 8-10-3

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RIBODEN (CD) (D Gludfield) D Winde 8-10-5

CANTABLE (D) (Lody S Brooks) B Brooks 4-10-0

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Ludlow selections By Michael Seely

12.0 Burns, 12.30 Probabilist, 1.0 Errigal, 1.30 Romany Nightshade, 20 Rant and Raye, 2.30 Celtic Brew, 3.0 Upper Note.

Kelso Going: Good 12.15 EARLSTON HURDLE (Handicap. £533:

TOTE Wn. \$10 40 Places. \$3.60. \$100,

12.45 GATTONSSIDE NOVICE CHASE (Novices 2933, 2m 6f)

TOTE: Wit: £3.90. Places: £1.20. £1.80. £3.50. DF: £16.30. CSF: £23.47. K Oliver at Mawich. 41. 54. Wellare (9-1) 4th. 15 ran. 1.15 NEW BRIG HURDLE (Hoechst Regumete Quehler) (Novices £910, 2n; 41) SaRP Lodge) S-11-0 GW Grav (14-1) 1
Young Ash Lin A Brown(3-1) (favs) 2
Raby M Barry(18-1) 3

TOTE. Win; £17.40. Places: £5.60, £5.00,

£1.50 DF: £74.30. CSF: £56.50. P Liode of Chester-te-Street, Hd. 81. Crammond Brig 3-4 jt-tav. Solder's Dream (14-1)4th, 20 ran. 1,45 LAUDER CHASE (Handicag: £1,067:2nf TOTE Wirt \$9.20. Places: \$1.00. £1.00. £4.50. DF: £15.30. CSF: £51.62. Treat: £462.16. £ Robson at Marpeth. 48. 61. issue? Here 7-4 fav. Tived To One (12-1) 4th. 15 cm. 2.15 BIRGHAM HURDLE (novices: 2756: 201) 2.45 ST BOSWELLS CHASE (Handicax 1918 2m 196yd)
DUSKY DUKE br g by Dusky Boy - De Capo (Charlotte Lady Rossy) 8-10-13 R Lamb (3-1) Beamware PTuck (15-6 Feb Seint-Mann JO Well (S5-7)
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6.00 Cuelax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Fern Stitten at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 5.00 and 8.30 with beadines on the quarter hours; regional news, weathe and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; the day's television previewed at 6.55; a review of the morning newspapers at 7,18 and 8,18; horoscopes at 8,35; Diana Moran's star tips, cookery hints from Glyn Christian and Alison Mitchell's

money matters, all betwee 8.30 and 9.00. 9.00 Training Dogs the Woodhouse Way. In lesson eight Mrs Woodhouse has advice on Show Handling (r). 9.25 Arthur Negus at 80. A celebration of the antiques guru's birthday last March (r), 10.15 Cartoon: Tom and Jerry 10.30 Play School, present by Chice Ashcroit (r). 10.55

12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prespects come from lan McCask相. 12.57 Regiona news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by ws headlines with subtitle 1.00 Pebble Mill at One includes Christmas music from the English Chorale with Barbara Courtney-King. 1.45 Gran (r). 1.50 Stop-Gol (r).

2.00 Day Out. Gwyn Richards visits Acton Scott Working Farm Museum, near Church Stretton in Shrooshire. 2.30 Lucky Luke. A full-length animated film about the exploits of a mild-mannered gumman, 3.40 Goldilocks and the Three Bears, 3.53 Regional news (not London).

3.55 Play School 4.20 The Adventures of Bullwinkle and Adventures of Burney Mode. Recky. Part one of the cartoon Mode. serial, The Last Angry Moose. 4.25 Jacksnory. Jan Francis reads part two of Peter Pan. 4.40 Wuffer. The last episode of the comedy series about a dog warden. 5.05 Newsround 5.10 Record Breakers. The last of the series and among the items is Roy Castle auctioning the biggest turkey.

Shity Minutes includes national news from Moira Stuart at 5.40; regional news magazines at 5.53; weather at 6.15; and closing news headlines at 6.38.

6.40 Angels, Edward is taken. reluctantly, to dinner with Chale and Tracey while Vicky says goodbye to her favourite

7.05 Harty. Russell with Julie Walters, Victoria Wood and

7.40 No Place Like Home. Comedy series about a middle-aced couple whose grown-up children decide to return to the

8.10 Dallas. The Oil Barons Ball ends in fistigniffs when Cliff ends in fisticulfs when Cliff Barnes insults the dead Jock within earshot of the Ewings. 100 News with John Humphrys.

a. A dram ntary about George Orwell's retreat to Jura to

write Nineteen Eighty-Four. Starring Ronald Pickup as Orwell and Fiona Walker as Avril Blair. Written by Alan Plater (see choice). 1.55 Perry Como's French-

The crooner in festive mood with guests Debby Boone, Canadian folk singer Diane Tell, Olympic ice skating champion Dorothy Hamili; plantst Andre Gagnon and the Via L'Bon Vant Troups.

' 30 Ftv-am € /

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. A review of the morning papers at 6.25; news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, and 8.30; sport at 6.35 and 7.40; exercises at 6.45; John 7.-w, exercises at 0.40; John Stapleton with a topical guest in the Spotlight at 7.05; The search for the Star of Bethlehem continues at 7.35; Christmas shopping with Paula Yates at 7.45; pop video at 7.55; Inside Shells Specials at 7.55; inside Sheila Staefel's house at 8.05; Christmas hamper awards at 8.15; Gyles Brandreth's video report at 8.35; and the cooking cleric at 8.50. 9.00 Roland's Winter

ITV/LONDON 9.25 Thames news headlines

followed by Sesame Street in which the Muppets make learning seem hin. 0.25 M.G.M.'s Big Parade of Comedy. A nostalgic compilation of some of the best films made at the studios before 1947. Among the many stars appearing are Greta Garbo, Joan Crawford, W. C. Fields, the Marx Brothers and Laurel and Hardy. The narrator is Les Tremayne. 11.50 Cartoon Time: Popeye takes Olive to the Abusement Park

12.00 Portland Bill Puppet adventures of a lighthouse keeper. 12-10 Sounds Like a Story. Mark Wynter with the sale of The Frog King and the Moon. 12-30 The Sullivans.

1.00 News with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 Film: The Prince and the Pauper (1977) starring Oliver Reed, Raquel Welch, George C. Scott and Charlton Heston. Period adventure about a young pauper boy who changes places with Prince Edward, the son of Henry VIII. Directed by Richard Fle 3.30 Sons And Daughters.

4.00 Portland Bill. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 The Razzmatazz Christmas Special. A poppacked edition featuring. among others, Eurythmics, Spandau Ballet and The views and ideas for young people. 5.15 Emmer Farm. Beckindale's Christma concert turns out to be full of

5.45 News, 6.00 Thames news 6.20 Help! Community action news from Viv Taylor Gee. 6.30 Croseroads. Diane Hunter has a request refused by Denise

6.55 Reporting London presented by Michael Barratt. There is a profile of Monsigneur Bruce Kent by reporter Michael Wilson who asks Mgr Kent how he reconciles his church role with his work as the CND

7.30 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity mime came chained by Michael 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. His

quests are American singer Grace Kennedy and, presumably with his tickling stick, Ken Dodd. 9.00 Once Upon a Murder, The

third and final part. It is now 1962 and a black man, Tyler Watts, is appointed chief of police (continues at 10.30). 10.00 News

10.30 Once Upon a Murder continued.

11.20 Cher at Caeşar's Palace. Highlights of a concert given by the glamorous performer at the famous Las Vegas night 12.25 A Different Christmas. Gillian

Reynolds talks to someone who will be enjoying a non-traditional Christmas. REQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 00kHz 1500m; VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; 88C Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World



BBC 2

4.00 Film: Mr Lucky* (1943) starring, Cary Grant, Laraine Day and Charles Bickford.

Grant in the uncharacteristic

villain, He plays an unscrupulous gambling boss plots to defraud an American

eventually sees the error of his

ways when he falls under the

role of, to begin with, the

War Relief society but

spell of a young socialite. Directed by H. C. Potter.

programme of the series designed to help the hopeful

styles are the subjects this

and Henry Thomas (bass)

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Rodgers, Carl Palmer, Sarah

Budgpest in which 20 of the

dymnasts achieved the perfect

mark of ten. The stars of the

programme are Ecaterina Azabo of Rumania and Natalia lourchanko of the Soviet Union

who, between them, scored

Peter Glidewell. A follow-up to Mr Glidewell's Schoolgirl

Chums, repeated yesterday, about the pupils and staff of a girls' school during the 1930s

Simon Winchester. There are

reviews of Kenneth Rose's

biography of King George V and The Last Diary of Oscar

Wilde, written by one of The Times' television critics, Peter

Ackroyd. In addition, Fay

numerous Literary Awards

presented each year while

9.00 Film: Rollerball (1975) starring

Patchy Wheatley examines the world of children's books.

on British television of a film, set in 2018 in a world that has

game is the extremely violent Rollerball - a cross between

football and hockey. Directed

There is a film report on a US mid-West prison that allows

prisoners to phone out -something the Prison Officers

Association in this country are

against. There is also news of

performed by the Cambridge

11.35 Greek - Language and People. The tenth and final

part of the modern Greek

language course (r). Ends at

been rid of poverty, sickness

and war. The most popular

11.00 Out of Court. David Jessel and

Sue Cook present the last programme of the series.

es Caan. The first showing

Weldon considers who

actually wins from the

7.05 Play: St Ursula's in Danger, by

nine perfect marks.

e Choice).

5.10 Bookmark presented by

With comment from Nile

6.05 Gymnastics: In Search of Excellence. Highlights of the World Championships in

Lee, Andy Gill.

(guitar), Geoff Nicholis (drums)

5.35 News summary with subtitles

5.40 Rockschool. The final

 Getting in first before the weiter of Orwellia is upon us in earnest, the BBC has chosen Orwell's period of self-imposed exile in the Hebrides as the exile in the recences as the subject of a fascinating drama documentary, ORWELL ON JURA (BBC1 9.25pm) The uncannily look-alike Floraid Pickup stars as the weary Orwell, troubled by tuberculosis, who arrives at tuberculosis, who arrives at Barnhill, a remote, spartan, farmhouse on the northermost tip of Jura, in the hope that the seclusion and clean air of the place after the throngs and grime of bitzed London, will improve his failing health. He is recently widowed and is joined by his sister Avril who takes over the curtes of housekeeper. The petty arguments that seem to be part and parcel of setting-up house and parcel of setting-up house are neatly done, but it is the tensions created by the arrival of

CHANNEL 4

4.45 Film: The Balloonatic* (1923)

5.15 Years Ahead A magazine

programme for the older

and they talk about their

6.00 The Sports Quiz with Steve

Davis. The second semi-final. 6.30 Utopia Limited. The final

be made to work more

efficiently and fairly. In

any way out for these

xessed countries.

7.00 Channel Four News includes

documentary. It was

7.59 Comment. With his personal view of a subject of topical

8.00 Brookside. Marie Jackson is

Shenton finds counterfeit

goods at a market: Penny

Junor interviews Consumer Minister, Alex Fletcher, and

David Stafford has news from Which? magazine about what

to do when your pipes burst.

(1939) starring Alice Faye and Don Ameche. A love story told

Hollywood with America as an ambitious but penniless prop

Christmas edition moves from the studio to exotic Notting Hill

reports on the area. Black

playwright Carol Phillips talks

about the 19th Century actor Ira Aldridge and there is also a

report on the thousands of African children in Britain who

will be spending Christmas in care. For light relief there are

the London Community Gospel Choir and black

impressionist, Beverly

Nisbeth.

12.00 Closedown.

around the silent film era of

boy who leads promising

actress Molly Adeir into believing that he is a film

director. Directed by

10.50 Black on Black, A special

Cummings.

9.00 Film: Hollywood Cavalcade

8.30 4 What It's Worth. Joan

the nation.

starring Buster Keaton, Trick

photography at its early best with Buster, at the climax, on a

1,000 foot high waterfall. Directed by Buster Keaton and Eddie Cline.

viewer. There are items on the Christmas steam train at

Bo'neas, run by the Scottish Railway Preservation Society; pop singer Kim Wilde appears with her two grandmothers

attitudes to each other; and in

the archive spot there is a recording of King George VI's

1939 Christmas Broadcast to

programme in the series that

previous programmes it has

been shown that the poorer

poverty trap. Tonight Sandra Nakloo and David Tereschuk

attempt to find out if there is.

the first showing of a previously unknown Hitchcock

Sidney, now Lord, Bernstein,

importance is Stephen Bayley, director of The Boilerhouse

called to hospital when George

Project for industrial design.

countries are caught in a

examines how the world could

CHOICE

Orwell's two-year-old adopted son, Richard, and his nanny, Susan Watson, that are captured brilliantly, as one would expect from the experienced pen of author Alan Plater. Orwell's relationships with the islanders, especially the new neighbour who takes a shine to Avril, are neatly observed, but it is the performance of Pickup as Onwell, chain-smoking himself to death as he writes Nineteen Eighty Four, that sets the high standard of this film — a film that other offerings on the subject will be

● In Peter Glidewell's ST URSULA'S IN DANGER (BBC2

pushed to equal.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Today, 6.25 Shipping.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30
News Summary, 6.45 Prayer.
6.55, 7.55 Westher, 7.00, 8.00
Today's News, 7.20 Your
Letters, 7.45 Thought for the
Day, 8.35 Yesterday in
Parliament, 8.57 Weather.
9.00 News.

Correspondent. Morning Story: "The Gift" by Bernadette Quinn. Read by

Prances Cuinn. Head by Frances Cuinn. Daily Servicet. News; Travel: Thirty—Minute Theatre: "The Lady and the Ocubie-Bass Case" adapted

radio from a short story by Anton Chekhov, With James Bryce, Moir Leslie, and Geoffrey Collins (narrator).

9.00 News. 9.05 Tuesday Calt 01-580 4411. Family Trees. 18.00 News; From Our Own

11.33 Wildlife. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 My Word!!, 12.55 Weather;

12.27 My word; 12.39 yearme; Programme News. 1.00 The World At One; News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Wontan's Hour. How

super are our supermarkets asks Jenny Cuffe. Also, the fifteenth instalment of The

veraneight and 21, decides that the only answer is to take up a career as a female wrestler. Her boyfriend, Kevin, cannot stand violence of any kind. With Ametie Sedland, Stuart Organ and Create Sourit

and Carole Boydt. News; Just After Four. Roger Worsley on music hall recording

pioneers. 4.10 Prefaces to Shakespeare. The

4.10 Prefaces to Shakespeare. The
Comedy of Errors. Roger Rees's
personal view.

4.40 Story Time: "The Shepherd" by
Frederick Forsyth (2). Read by
Torny Britton.

5.80 PM: News Magazine. 5.50
Shipping Forecast.

BBC 1 WALES 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales Headlines, 3.53-3.55 News of Wales Headlines, 5.53 Wales Today, 11.45 News and weather, SCOTLAND 12.55pm-1.00 The Scotlish News, 4.40-4.50 The House That Joe Built, 4.50-5.05 A Cheud Turus, 5.53 Scotland: Story Minutes, 11.45 News and weather, NORTHERN IRELAND 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News

and weather, NORTHERN RIELAND 12.57 pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 5.53 Scene Around Sbt. 11.45 News and weather, ENGLAND 5.53 pm Regional

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Time 4.55 Pictiwis Bach 5.05 Bilidowca

5.30 Buck Rogers 6.30 Sports Cutz 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Resio 8.10 Dawn 8.40 Cortennu Pobol 9.20 Prisoner 10.20 Arabs 11.25 Eleventh Hour 12.45am

CHANNEL As London except: Starts 12.00-12.10pm Portland Bill. 12.30-1.00 It's A Ver's Life.

1.20 News: 1.30 First Great Wallendas. 3.30-4.00 University Challenge. 5.15-5.45 Flying Kiwi, 8.00 Channel Report. 6.20 Memorial Flight. 7.00-7.30 Nine to Five. 12.30am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 10.25em Dazzie, 10.50

Wine That Sings, 11,35-12,00 Pine Tree. 12,30pa-1,00 Gardens For AE, 1,20 News, 1,30-3,30 Pint: Duel At Diablo (James Garner), 8,00 About Anglia, 8,35 Crossroads, 7,06-7,30 Bygones, 12,25am Talking of Christmas, Closedous

news magazines. 11.50 close.

Ladies of Lyndon.
3.00 Afternoon Theatre: The Girl in the Corner, by Howard Wakeling, Brenda, bored,

7.05pm), his sequel to Schoolgirf

Churns, which was repeated last night, his heroine, that all-round good egg, Alison Dayne, is now in the sixth form. Set in the 1930s, Gildewell has skiffully caught the period and in Chartotte Long as Alison, has the perfect prefect. Tonight's tale has everything the traditional Girl's Own stories ever contained - a mysterious gross. contained - a mysterious gypsy, crumpets for tea, the handsome, heroic, cousin on his motorbike ghosts, nice and nasty teachers and an unfathomable American philanthropist, the owner of the estate neighbouring St Ursula's, lan Keill's direction produces a number of good performances from the girls, but the acting honours go to Barbara Bolton as the strict Miss Prosser and Doreen Mantle, the soft Miss

Cowley. All good, clean, fun without ever entering into the realms of farce.

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6.00 The Six O'Clock News. 6.30 Radio Active's ChristmasTurkeyt. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Medicine Nov edicine Now, A report on the

7.50 It Was a Dark And Stormy hight on the Bookshelf. . . Second part of a selection of some of the best ghost stories sent in by Bookshelf listeners.

8.05 Dear Kath, A portrait of Kathleen Frier, one of the hest-invest.

Ferrier, one of the best-loved singers of the century. Presented by Peter Orr.

9.05 in Touch, Magazine for the visually hendicapped.

9.30 Kaleidosope, Arts magazine.

10.00 The World Tonight: News.

10.30 Instant Sunshine . . . reasonab together again flast of 6). The guests are WASOt.

11.00 A Book at Bedsime: "Ask Marna" by R S Surises (12).

Marina by it is not most (14).

11,15 The Financial World Torright.

11,30 Today in Parliament.

12,00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15 Shipping Forecast. ENGLAND, VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel. 1.55pm Listening Corner. 5.50-6.55 PM (continued). 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: Enjoying

· Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert. Part one.
Schubert (overture Der
vierjahrige Posten),
Mendelssehn (ochst, Op 20), C P
E Bach (Symph in E major, Wq
182, No 5),f

182, No b).7
3.00 News.
3.05 Morning Concert. Part two.
Triebensee (Wind Partitis in E
flat), Chopin (Polonaise, in C
sharp minor, Op 26, No 1: Lazar
Berman, piano), and Elgar
(concert overture: in the South
(Alassio)), Op 50.1

9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer:
Stravinsky Sonata, 1925 (Michel Beroff, piano), Three Japanese Lyrics (Phyllis Bryn-Julson, soprano), Pribaoutis (John

with Raphael Welflech (cells Part one. Brahms's Tragic Overture, and Elgar's Cello Concerto.t

Concert. 7

1.00 News.

1.05 Concert: part two, Alexander Goelir's Daux studes; Strauss's Symphonic Poem Death and Transfiguration.†

1.55 Laurie Randolph: guitar recital. Works by Torroba and Gaspar Sartz.† Sanz.† Bach and Bruckner: Bach's Chorale Prejude on Valet will ich Grand Frauce on vest will can dir geben, and the Prefude and Fugue in E flat major, BWV 552; and Bruckner's Symph No 8.1 Capricorn: Schuber's String Trio in B flat, D 471; and the Quintet in A, D 567,†

Stirley-Quirk, barisone), Elegy, and Suite: The Soldier's Tate.† Beacham Conducts Defas: The Royal Phil play the Florida Suite: Dancs Rhapsody No 2.†

Dance Rhapsody No 2.1

10.50 A Ceremony of Carols: The great Britten work is perform by the boys of Christ Church Catherina Choir Oxford, with

Cathedral Choir, Oxford, with Osian Ellis (harp).† 11.20 Violin and Piano; recital by Maureen Smith (violin) and len Brown. Part one, Debussy's Sonata in G minor, and Beethoven's Sonata in G. Op 95 †

12.10 BBC Philharmonic Orch in Gratz:

4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Roy Williamson's selection includes Haydn's String Quartet in D. Op 64, No 5; and Walter Piston's The Incredible Flutist The incredible Flutist

Padre Antonio Soler; Harpischord recital by Gilbert Rowland. The works include the Sonata in B minor, R 10; Sonata in E minor, R 26; and the Sonata in C major, R 71.† Red Beans and Rice in Paradise; Russell Device explores the delights of New Orleans cuisine, such as Gumbo, Crawhish Pie and Oysters Rockefeller Contributors include local restauraleurs, chefs, waiters, 7.00

restaurateurs, chefs, waiters, and writers of books on New

Orleans tood such as Richard and Rima Collin.

7.30 Revel and Varies: David Atherton conducts the BBC SO at the Royal Festival Hail Part one is all-Ravel, Rapsodie one owners, napsone espagnole, Concerto for piano (left fand) with soloist Paul Crossley, and Bolero.† King Boris's Diemma: Dr Richard Commence of the fiard Crampton of the richard Crampton of the University of Kent argues that, by playing on the pro-Russian samiments of his people, King Borts of Bulgaria retained a large measure of independence in his dealings with Hitler and saved Bulgarians from many of the nance of wer

saved Buganans from Many of the pangs of war.

8.40 Rawel and Varèse: Part two. Varèse's Ameriques, and Rawel's La vates.†

9.35 Medici String Cuartet: Peter Maxwell Davies's Little Quartet No 1, and Mozan's Quartet in D

minor, K 421.†
10.15 Orlando Gibbons: Music recorded in Westminster Abbey, played by Musica Antiqua of London Viol Consort, with the Choir of Westminster Abbey. The organist is Christopher

11.00 The Complete Webern: with Robert Tear and the BBC SO

Herrick

and London Sinfoniatta. Works include Siegtrieds Schwert, for tenor and large orchestra, and Schubert orch Webern Six German Danner, D. 2204 German Dances, D 820.7 11.15 News, Until 11.18.

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 8.00pm and 9.00). Major bulletins 7.00em, 8.00, 1.00pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight. Headlines 5.30em, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30 (MF/MN), 5.00em Ray Moore, 17.30 Terry Wogan, 110.00 Jammy Young, 12.00 Music While You Work with Harry Roche Constallation, 112.30pm Gioria Humiford, 1.202 Sports Deak, 2.30 Ed Stewart 13.02 Sports Deak, 4.00 David Hunniford. 1 2.02 Sports Desk. 2.30 Ed Stewart. 1 3.02 Sports Desk. 4.00 David Hamilton. 1 4.02. 5.30 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Durnfind 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF only). 7.30 The Golden Age of Hollywood. A history of the America movie from 1927 to the early 60s (7) 1939 t 6.39 Folk on 2 with Jim Lloyd. 1 9.30 Where Were You in 62? Guests are Joe Brown, Dore Bryan, Keith Fordyce and Judy Geeson. 1 9.57 Sports Desk. 10.00 Can I Take That Again? Jonathan Hewart with more clangers, bloopers and furfis made on radio. 10.15 A Digance Indulgence. A sole show of sorgs, stories, and humour in the company of Richard Digance. 10.30 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00sm Big Band. 1.30 String Sound with The BBC Radio Orchestra. 1 2.05-5.00 Charles Nove presents You and the Night and the Music. 1

Radio 1

News on the half-hour 6.30am-8.30am and then at 12.00 midnight (MF/MV). 6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Mike Smith, Viright 4.30 Newsbast 2.08 Steve Wright 4.30 Peter Powell, incl 5.30 Newsbast 6.05 Top 40 singles chart. 7.00 David Jensen. 10.09-12.00 John PseLt VHF Radios 1 and 2 5.00sm With Radio 2.10.00pm With Radio 1.12.90-500 With Radio 2.10.00pm With Radio 1.12.90-500 With Radio 3.10.00pm 5.00 With Radio 2.

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£uskers, 7.45 Network UK, £00 World News. 8.09 Review of the British Press, 8.15 The World Today, 9.30
£nancial News, 2.40 Look Ahead, 9.45 Alexis Korner's Rhythm and Blues, 10.00 Discovery. 10.30 Musical Milestone, 11.00 World News. 11.00 Ners 11.00 Ners 11.00 News 2.40 Look Ahead, 9.45 Alexis Korner's Rhythm and Blues, 10.00 Discovery. 11.09 News about British, 11.15 Letter from Lordon, 12.00 Radio Newssreel, 12.15 Time Ramembered, 12.45 Sports Roundup, 1.00 World News, 1.89 Twenty-Four Hours: News Surmary, 1.30 Newton World News, 3.15 Outlook, 4.00 World News, 4.98 Commentary, 4.15 Sir Adrian Boult: A Life of Mayic, 4.45 The World Today, 5.00 World News, 5.09 Meridian, 9.00 Newscaled, 3.15 Discovery Newscaled, 2.15 Sir Adrian Boult: A Life of Mayic, 4.45 The World Today, 5.00 World News, 5.09 Meridian, 9.00 Newscaled, 2.00 Newscaled, 2.00 Newscaled, 2.00 Newscaled, 2.15 Discovery Newscaled, 2.15 Sir Adrian Boult: A Life of Mayic, 4.45 The World Today, 5.00 World News, 5.09 Meridian, 9.00 Newscaled, 2.00 Newscaled 4.15 Sir Adrian Bouft: A Life of Music. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Meridian. 5.09 Meridian. 5.00 World News. 8.00 Twenty-Four Hours. 9.15 Letter from London. 9.25 Papertack Cholce. 8.30 London Concert Tradition. 10.00 World News. 19.09 The World Today. 10.25 Scottand This Week. 10.30 Financial News. 10.48 Sports Roundap. 11.00 World News. 11.05 Commentary. 11.15 Pied Piper. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 11.05 Commentary. 11.15 Pied Piper. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.00 News Sayrrary. 14.75 Report on Religion. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 The English Air. 2.30 Emme. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britan. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Discovery. 4.00 Newsdek. 4.30 Waveguide. 5.45 The World Today.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

TVS As London except: 10.25em Dazzie. 10.50 Christmas Story. 11.10 On Safari. 11.35 Mountain Forests. 11.50-12.00 Christmas Goose. POISSIS, 11-30-12-20 Christines Goose, 1-20pm News. 1.38 Afternoon Club. 1.35 Community Show. 2.18 Country Practice. 3.10 Newsbreak. 3.26 Take The High Road. 3.45-4.80 Guest Of The Day. 5.15-5.45 Starkids. 6.00 Coast To Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.80-7.30 Emmerdale Farm. 12-25em Company, Cheadraw.

CENTRAL As London except: 10.25am Dazzle, 18.50 Road to Los Angeles, 11.40-12.00 Sants's Pocket Watch, 12.30pm-1.90 Farmbouse Kitchen, 1.20 News, 1.30 Survival of the Fitnet, 2.00 Take the High Road, 2.30 Christmas Memory, 3.50-4.00 Young Doctors, 5.15-5.46 Survival, 6.00 Crossroads, 6.25 News, 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm, 12.25am Closedown.

HTTV As London except: 10.25mm.
Film: Go For A Take (Reg
Varney). 11.50-12.00 Cartoon. 12.30pm
1.00 Survival. 1.20 News. 1.30 Film:
Magnificent Seven Deadly Sins (Bruce
Forsyth). 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors.
5.15-5.45 Beverly Hibbles. 6.00 News.
6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdate

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales

GRANADA As London except: 10.25am Dezzle. 10.50 Daffy Duck, 11.30-12.00 Joerse Loves Chachi. 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30 Wild Times. 3.15 Flora and Fauna. 3.30-4.80 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 This is Your Right. 6.05 Granada Reports. 7.80-7.39 Emmerdals Farm. 12.25em Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 10.25cm Trapper John. 11.15 Fire of Harmony. 11.40 Abigail. 11.50-12.00 Sally and Jake. 12.30pm-1.00 Full Life. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 At Ease. 5.10 Job Spot. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 What's Your Problem? 7.00 Take the High Road. 7.30-8.00 Now You See It. 11.20 Scotsport. 12.05cm Berson. 12.35 Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 10.25am Film: Gasbag (Crazy Gang) 11.45-12.00 Sally and Jake 1.20pm News and Lookaround 1.30-3.30 Film: Christmas Tree (William Holden) 5.15-5.45 Whose Baby? 6.00 News 6.02 Crossroads 6.25 Northern Life 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm 12.25am Cost of Christmas, Closedov

YORKSHIRE As London except: 10.25em Dazzie. 10.50 Story of the Christmas Goose. 11.00-12.00 Christmas at Pops. 12.30pm-1.00 One of the Boys. 1.29 News. 2.00-3.30 Film: Against a Crooked Sky (Richard Boone). 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 Calendar, 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm. 12.25em Closedown.

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9.25am-9.30 Day Ahaad.
Film: MGM's Big Parade of Comedy.
11.50-12.00 Carboon. 1.20pm-1.30
Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Laurel and Hardy.
5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 Good
Evening Ulster. 8.30 Gift at Christmas.
6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale
Farm. 12.25am Gift at Christmas. 12.30
News, Closedown.

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9.25em First Thing
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TSW As London except: 10.25am
MGM's Big Parade of Comedy.
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12.30pm-1.00 it's a Ver's Life. 1.20
News. 1.30 Film: Great Wallendes (Lloyd Bridges). 3.39-4.00 University
Challenge. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.29-5.45 Croseroeds. 8.00 Today South
West. 6.30 Winners All. 7.00-7.30 9 to 5.
12.25am Postscript, Closedown.

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By Nicholas Timmins Social Services Correspondent

Strict new controls over deputizing services and the use family doctors can make of them to cover night and weekend calls were proposed yesterday by Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister of Health.

The changes come after allegations that some deputizing services are substandard and that some family doctors have been making use of the services to take all their night and weekend work. Under the new rules, doctors

in partnerships of three or more would be expected to cover each other's night calls, without recourse to deputizing services. Single-handed doctors, and partnerships of two, would be allowed to display them for a maximum of three nights a week.
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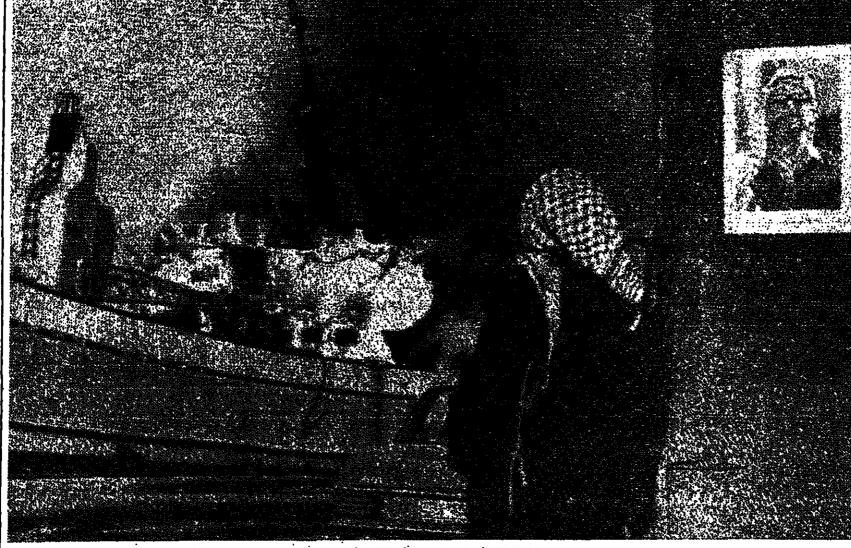
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"a great step forward" by Mr Christopher Hawkins, Con-servative MP for High Beak, who has been compaigning for tougher controls, but Mr Michael Lowe, secretary of the British Medical Association's advisory committee on deputizing services, said that they were

If the new rules were enforced, he said, deputizing services would simply shut down because they would cease to be viable, and general practice in inner cities would collapse.

Many single handed general practitioners in inner cities were elderly and could not cope with being on call four nights a week. "It is just not reasonable to expect doctors to be disturbed through the night and expect them to be able to cope with their patients properly in the morning," he said.

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Arafat ready for evacuation

Which raised the little matter of my My Charm. The ship, whose port of registry, Limassol, can still be discerned in the burnt stern paintwork, sailed boldly into Tripoli on Sunday night. Port workers - who are few enough these days but loquacious none the less suggested that the freighter had docked for the specific purpose of picking up all those heavy guns which Mr Arafat had promised to give to the police.

An emphatic denial came from the PLO leader, although several large trucks can be seen around Tripoli with sacks of rockets all neatly packaged, as if they were about to be transported somewhere.

In human terms, Israel's latest pin-prick harassment of the PLO has done little more than raise fears among the and increase the anguish of the older PLO men, who are forced colleagues did in Sabra and

Chatila in the summer of last that the Israelis had hit one of

year. the Army positions behind
"I said goodbye to my family Bhamdoun, and had also struck a hospital used by leftist late forties said yesterday, as he militias. stood by the harbour wall leaning on a stick. "Then I said goodbye to them today. And had bombed positions held by Colonel Abu Moussa's Palestinow I shall have to do the same again tomorrow."

Other, younger Palestinians sat atop mobile anti-aircraft guns beside the port, waiting for the Israeli gunboats to reappear on the horizon. The sea remained a flat calm, enlivened only by the narrow Moudaouarra islands in Tripoli sound. At dusk, two blue-funnelled

tugboats puttered into the wreckage of the harbour to look for empty berths for the Greek gave an assurance that it would ships, which — so it was pull out its forces from Lebanon rumoured — would arrive at and "start the process" The PLO were also worried

The PLO were also worried House yesterday blamed the yesterday that the Israelis might Israelis for impeding the evacudecide to stage air strikes on ation of the PLO from Tripoli, Tripoli, after their jets had and called on them to stop bombed the towns of Bham- blocking the Palestinians' dedown and Aley in the Chouf parture.
mountains east of Beirut.
The Syrians claimed later

Christmas celebration in Westminster Cathedral, 6.55.

Shaftesbury Avenue, in aid of the

Break with tradition at Marks & Spencer

with many new lines. Lord Sieff engagingly admits to having made mistakes, but argues that being able to correct some of them gives even more scope for progress.

It was Lord Sieff who built up the company's food side, in 1955, introducing Britons to quality fresh and convenience foods. The food business now accounts for 38 per cent of Marks & Spencer turnover.

When Lord Rayner took over as chief executive earlier this year, Lord Sieff assured company veterans that the family tradition would continue. Mr Salisse said yesterday: "So it has proved. He is, after all, virtually one of the family. There will be change, inevitably, but it will be gradual."

Lord Rayner, a big jolly man of 57, joined Marks & Spencer in 1953, became a director in 1968 and joint managing

director in 1973. He was made ioint vice-chairman last year. But he caused the biggest

stir when in 1979 he became the Prime Minister's adviser on improving Whitehall efficiency. By the end of last year when he finished that job - he was made life peer in the 1983 New Year's Honours - he had left an indelible mark on many Whitehall departments. Now, after nine months as

chief executive, the Rayner strategy for Marks & Spencer is starting to emerge. He is naturally looking for any sign of inefficiency in the company's empire of 262 stores in Britain and is also looking for continued growth abroad

The company now has eight stores in the EEC, and exports St Michael goods to 30 countries.

There are nearly 200 stores in Canada and the United States will probably be the next expansion area, although there are no plans for that yet.

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Despair hangs over the Chamber

Mr Joh Biffen, the Leader of the House, was being questioned yesterday by the Labour back bencher, Mr Tam Dalyell, about leaked secret Whitehall documents when he suddenly made a disclosure about Mr Dalyell. "As to secrets, I think the

House should note that many years ago I sponsored the hon member to be chairman of the Cambridge University Conservative Association", Mr Biffen observed, in that amiable way of his. Mr Dalyell

is that tall, slightly wild-eyed, plummy-voiced Scot of gentle birth and good English education who is interested in all known conspiracies. On the subject for example, of why we sank the Argentine

warship, General Belgrano, he has shaken off all vestiges of his Conservative past and is an ordinary, respectable ex-tremist. The fact that he was once a Conservative has long been well known. It has always been ascribed to youthful low His membership of the

party has also to be seen in the context of the Cambridge of the early 1950s: that despairing era when young idealists believed that, with the seem-ingly unstoppable rise of R. A. Butler, conservatism offered the only hope of a seat in Parliament What is new about the

Biffen testimony however, is the revelation of how significant Dalyell was within the Conservative apparatus set up in Cambridge during those morally confused times. It now appears that Mr Dalyell was a much more important agent than has hitherto been supposed. He was in the social circle of the young Mr Biffen, and he was sufficiently powerful to be nominated for the Cambridge University Conservative Association chairmanship itself.

No doubt his defence that, like no many other Old Etonians who in later life become socialists or progressives of one kind or another, he became more extreme once he faced up to the responsibilities of a career. But it all left a lot of

questions unaswered. At what point did he leave the party? To what extent is he still sympathetic to the bourgeois ideology with which the party indoctrinated him? There are grounds for an independent

had made us all smile. And smiles were welcome during this particular question time For we all knew what was coming. And what was coming was the statement by Mr Len

Brittan, the Home Secretary These statements after terrible events tells us little that we do not know already.

Mr Brittan described the events at Harrods once again. He paid his respects, and vowed that the terrorists would not profit from this deed. Mr Gerald Kanfings the chief Opposition spokes man on home affairs, shared those sentiments on behalf of

questions from all sides A certain despair hung over the chamber. This is the despair of people who do not know what to do next. As such it affects a majority on both sides of the chamber, but not the min-orities in the House who believe they do know what to

his party. Mr Brittan answered

These include those on the Labour left who believe that the answer is to move towards a united Ireland, though in some indefined way that does not bring on the massacre of the very Catholics whose There are also the Union

ists, including Mr Enoch Powell; some Tories, Dr lan Paisley. For them the answer is greater "security." But that too is never wholly defined But the majority yesierday betrayed no such certifide. In all the questioning only a few lingered in the memory. Mr John Hume, of The Social Democratic and Labour Pany,

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who planted that bomb were Irish patriots, "then God save Ireland." The Conservative, Mr Ivan Lawrence, said the Government should ensure that the details of the crime "receives the widest possible circulating in the United States."

said that as an Irishman be

was ashamed and that, if those

What was missing from Mr Brittan and from Mr James Prior, is a sense that the Government knows how to wage the undaunted fight against terrorism which these ministers promise. Their strategy at the moment seems to be that the British should carry. on shopping. The Blitz has been evoked. But in the Blitz our leaders sought allies and devised offensives.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE Princess Anne attends the TV top ten

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the National Playing Fields Association, attends a Royal Gala performance of "Aladdin" rformance of "Aladdin" at the aftesbury Theatre, WC2, 7.35.

The Prince of Wales, President of the Royal Jubilee Trusts and President of the Prince's Trust, visits Greater Manchester, at 11.30

at Bramhall Moor Industrial Park. Stockport, followed by a visit to the West Indian Sports Social Club and Community Centre, 2.

New Extra Care Centre at the

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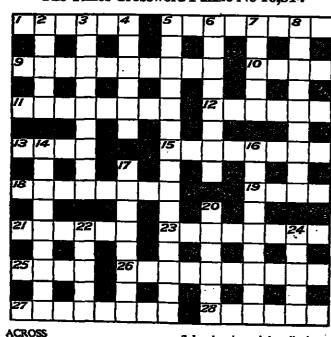
20 Brook or river Keith bridged (6).

22 She lies awkwardly over last letter of condolence (5).

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visits Greater Manchester; at 11.30 His Royal Highness visits J.E.L. Energy Conservation Services, Ltd, 1 chester, 3.30.



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- 5 Hail causing (8). 9 Capacity for living (10).
- 10 Mother Church, sitting target for unruly members (4). 11 The cap to fit her adage, perhaps
- 12 Publicity for first-class sort of band (6). 13 Dean forced into a study of
- Arabia (4). 15 Lord knows what sort of thing Tom Brown's garden is! (8).
- 18 What it really costs to be made presentable at Court? (4,4). 19 Great State highway (4).
- 21 She encloses note to metre with 2 Synopsis (6).
- 23 This house is surrounded by
- trees (8). 25 Sahib, missing Southend, shows
- inclination to return (4). 26 Spotted butterfly in flower . . . (10).
- 27 and going to wild rose at noon for shelter (8). 28 Romp in boat with Ned on the way back (6).

2 So one may renew marriage-

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 8 The Times Prize Jumbo Crossword with an additional set of concise

cines will appear in the Saturday section this Saturday.

Wales, ac-Wales, Patron of the Malcolm

Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, attends a Carol Concert in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, in aid of the fund, 5.55. The Princess of Wales opens the

Gloucester attends The Observer Christmas Carol Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, London, 7.20. Music Ron Goodwin Christmas Show The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,314

with Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Guildhall, Portsmouth, Carol concert with Norwich Citadel Band, St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, 7.30

General Antique and Collectors Fair, Beaufort Hotel, Walcot Street, Bath,

Last chance to see Works by Richard Tratt, Tom McArthur, Jill Hutchings, Margaret Hems, Pamela Derry and Richard Constable, Blake Gallery, Georges Lane, Crewkerne, Dorset; Mon to Sat 10 to 4 (ends today)

Sat 10 to 4 (ends today). Exhibitions in progress Home Sweet Home – an exhibition of Victorian Home Life, Portsmouth City Museum and Art Gallery, Museum Road, Old the Mon to Sun 10.30 to

Portsmouth: Mon to Sun 10.30 to 5.30 (ends Feb 26).
South Yorkshire Open Art Exhibition, Cooper Gallery, Church Street, Barnsley, Yorkshire, Tues 1 to 5.30, Wed to Sat 10 to 5.30, the stand Mon (ends 12 s. 20). closed Mon (ends Jan 8).

Words and Images from the Lake
District: Collins Gallery, University
of Strathclyde, 22 Richmond Street, Glasgow, Mon to Fri 10 to 5 (ends Thurs).

What is Conservation?, an exhibition looking at conservation of historic artefacts, James Dun's House, 61 School Hill, Aberdeen; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun (ends

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Captains of Commerce; New Irish Ceramics; Tom Carr, retrospective; Aspects of Africa; four simultaneous exhibitions at the Ulster Museum, Botanic Gardens, Belfast; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 1 to 5, Sun 2 to 5, closed 24 to 27 Dee inclusive (ends Dec 31).

Anniversaries

Births: John Wilson Croker, politician and essayist, Galway, 1780; Sir Robert Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia 1939-41, 1949 Jeporet, Victoria, 1894. Ambruise Pare surgeon, died Paris, 1590.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Health and Social Security Bill, second reading, Lords (2.30): Roads (Scotland) Bill. committee. Amusement Machines Bill committee

Snow reports

The Times service of snow reports, covering skiing conditions at the major European resorts, begins today and will continue until next April. They are published today on page 19.

Princess Margaret attends the premiere of "The Wind in the Willows", at the ABC Cinema.

16.95m
2 Coronation Street (Mon). Granada, 14.85m
2= This is Your Life, Tharnes, 14.85m
Name That Tune, Themes, 14.30m
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6 in Lowing Memory, Yorkshire, 13.90m
6 Kressradis (Tue), Central, 12.80m
9 Constraction (Tue), Central, 12.80m
10 Family Fortunes, Central, 12.35m National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of which Her Royal Highness is President, 5.50.

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BBC 2
The Bob Monkhouse Show, 6:50m
Entertainment U.S.A., 4.05m
Gnange Hill (Wed), 3.95m
The Natural World, 3.90m
M.A.S.H., 3.50m
The Outsiders, 3.409m
Mansfield Park (Sun), 3.35m
Year of the Baticos, 3.30m
Grange Hill (Mon), 3.20m
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Channel 4
The Paul Hogan Show, 2.55m
Good and Bad at Games, 2.55
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Roads

Midlands: A10: Traffic signals at | Pressure will remain low near Little Port and on Cambridge to Britain with troughs of low ad at Hauxton, B4194 Closed between Stourport and Bewdley. A6: Traffic signals at

Wales and West: A417: Delays diversions on old A40, St Oswalds Road. Gloucester. M4: Lane closures for bridge inspection and repairs between junction 21 and junction 22 across Severn Bridge. affecting both carriageways. A303: Temporary lights on Wincanton-Ilminster road at Holton and Sparkford; also Seavington and

North: A66: Single-line traffic and lights on approaches to bridge at Eden Lodge, north-west of Appleby, Cumbria. A575: Egerton Street, Farnworth closed near junction with Gladstone Road. A182: Lane restrictions along Hetton Road, Houghton, Tyne and Wear.

Scotland: A84: Intermittent traffic control at Laurence Croft, Stirling, A9: Intermittent traffic control in Causeway Head Road, Stirling. A96: Traffic control 3 miles

Information supplied by AA.

The papers.

The Daily Mirror asks whether the CBI is aiming to break up the happy home with its defence of the worker taking a two week break worker taking a two week break over Christmas. It points to an insurance company estimate that the average British Housewife (hisband, two children) works 94 hours a week, "That means that over a week she makes 2! beds, cooks and washes up for 28 breakfasts and dinners, and washes and mons two tubs of dirty clothes.

If 'himself' is home for two weeks
after Christmas will he be doing all that? Will be say, love, you slaved to make Christmas Day happy for me and the kids. Now put your feet up for a fortnight? It directs any for a fortnight?" It directs any doubters to a report of the Marriage and Family Trust Organization, which says the number of couples seeking help from marriage guidance councils doubles after the Christmas holidays. "The reason, it says, is that problems 'simmering under the surface' rise up when couples are forced together over a couples are forced together over a long Christmas break. What is the CBI trying to do - break up the

'Shoplifters' counsel

Christmas is one of the peak periods for shoplifting; this year, an organization formed to help those accused of such offences is just getting into its stride. It calls itself Crisis Counselling for Alleged Shopkifters and Offers moral support and practical advice to those who may feel they have been wrongly accused. Cases involving whildren are according to prolonge. children are especially welcome. CCAS is at 39, Brockley Avenue, Stanmore, Middx, Tel. 01-202 5787. 958 8859 (after 7pm) or 346 2182

Weather

pressure crossing some districts.

6am to midnight

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SE, central S, SW England, Channel Islands, S Wales: Surary intervals, showers, with longer outbreaks of rain developing; winds SW backing SE for a time, moderate to fresh; max temp 10C (50F).

E. NW, central N, NE England, Borders: Mostly dry, surnry or clear lintervals; winds mainly S light, occasionally moderate; max temp 6 to 8C (43 to 46F).

N Wales, Lake District, lale of Man, S W Scotland: Scattared showers, sunny or clear intervals; winds SW light to moderate; max temp 7 to 9C (45 to 48F).

Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth, Arguit: Rain slowly clearing, bright or clear intervals developing; wind mainly E light to moderate; max temp 5 to 7C (41 to 45F).

NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Coudy, rain at times, wind NE fresh locally strong: max temp 5 to 7C (41 to 45F).

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Northern Ireland: Rain at first bright or clear intervals developing; wind SE at first, becoming variable, light; max temp 7C (45F). (437).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday:

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SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea; Straits of Dover; Wind S fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough. English Channel (E): Wind S or SW strong to gale, showers; Sea rough or very rough. St. George's Channel Wind SE moderate to fresh becoming variable. Sea story to fresh becoming variable; Sea slight Irish Sea: wind SE fresh decreasing moderate, sea slight or moderate.

4.10pm Full Moon: 2.00am. Lighting-up time

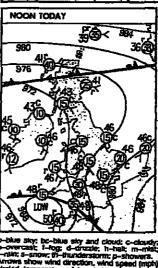
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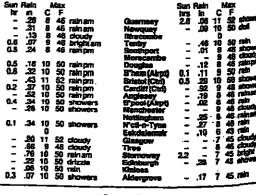
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